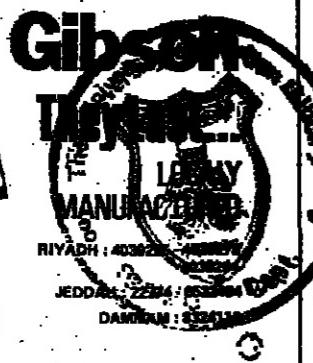


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OPEC debates pricing policy

GENEVA, June 17 (R) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani presides over an EC meeting here Wednesday to discuss a long-term pricing strategy, three weeks after other OPEC states to freeze prices by using a world oil glut.

The six-nation meeting takes place against the background of OPEC's repeated failure to fix prices. Saudi Arabia insists a unified structure is essential for any long-term.

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ministerial meeting of all 13 OPEC members here on May 23 and 24 ended some countries agreeing to freeze prices cut production to mop up the glut and pressure on prices. Sheikh Yamani says his country created the surplus by overusing its force other OPEC states to prices, which range from Saudi Arabia's \$1 barrel to the \$4.1 price of African products.

At least one other oil minister, Venezuela's

Iberon Calderon Berti, was due to attend

two-day talks which also include rep-

atives of Iraq, Iran, Kuwait and

Yemen. The ministerial meeting last month

had the strategy committee to review its

plans and report back as soon as possible.

work dates to a Saudi Arabian initiative

to coordinate steady quarterly rises in

prices.

With Yamani presented a draft strategy

September which would have linked

rises to inflation, Western economic

fluctuations in most of currencies.

Algeria, Libya and Iran argued for

increases based on Western inflation

and increase in the cost of goods imported

from the West.

A majority of OPEC states favored the

Arabian formula at a meeting in Vienna

but, the outbreak of the Iranian

three days later forced cancellation

of the OPEC summit in Baghdad at which it

had been adopted.

Ministers decided last month to revise

their original strategy to take into account a fall

in demand for oil caused by Western recessions

and the development of alternative energy sources. OPEC experts

lack demand — it dropped by seven

percent in 1980 and is still going down —

force the organization to moderate its

rises for a while. Too fast a rise could

major oil-consuming countries to switch

rapidly to alternative energy sources.

aid.

Sheikh Ali Khalifa said Wednesday predicted that the cur-

rent in the world oil market will dis-

appear by the end of this year. I believe that the

oil price will not continue for long, and

will disappear from the world market

by the end of 1981," Sheikh Ali told the daily

in an interview.

Those who are planning and making cal-

cations on the basis of the current market

are estimated at between two and three

barrels per day, are committing a

error, because such surpluses usually

occur in a comparatively short time," he

said as saying. "It is the normal practi-

ce after every crisis comes a glut which

anishes," he added.

Despite the fact that many analysts are

optimistic, and despite rumors of a drop in

prices, originated by sources hostile to the

producing states, I am very optimistic," he

said. "Oil will continue to be in great

for a long time to come despite the

entry of new energy sources, and will

be able to maintain high prices at all times."

All was further quoted as saying.

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HOLY KAABA: The King's Deputy, Crown Prince Fahd, washed the Holy Kaaba Wednesday morning. The Crown Prince, accompanied by Prince Abdallah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, was welcomed at the Holy Haram by Makkah Governor Prince Majed; Sheikh Salman bin Obaid, director general of the Department of the Holy Harums (in Makkah and Medina) and a number of officials. After circling the Holy Kaaba seven times, Prince Fahd performed the washing ceremony in the company of Prince Abdallah, Prince Majed, Sheikh Salman and envoys of Arab and Islamic countries. Following the ceremony, the Crown Prince said: "My sentiments are those of any Muslim present at the House of God on this august occasion, and I implore God to help this country serve the Holy Harums". He said it was a great blessing for the leader of Muslims, as also for the people of Saudi Arabia, to serve the House, "and I pray Almighty God to grant success".

Spain promised aid

King, Carlos review ties

MADRID, June 17 (SPA) — King Khaled and King Juan Carlos of Spain held talks here Wednesday at the Ritz Hotel where the King is staying during his current official visit to the country. The talks, attended by Defense Minister Prince Sultan, covered bilateral relations and international and Arab issues.

On Tuesday the King held a reception for the diplomatic corps in the capital. The reception was attended by Prince Sultan and Foreign Minister Prince Saif Al Faisal and other leading members of the delegation. Earlier Spanish Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo held a dinner party in honor of the

King to which senior Spanish officials and prominent citizens were invited. On the same day the King received the Golden Keys to Madrid at a special ceremony at the City Hall.

The mayor, who made the presentation, said the keys were a symbol of the enduring friendship between the two people. The King thanked him and expressed his support for Spain's economic development and resistance to terrorism. After signing the book he drove to La Zarzuela Palace for a private luncheon with King Juan and Queen Sofia.

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Graduate school planned in Riyadh

By Ergun Ay
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, June 17 — Plans for a university graduate school have now been finalized here. Under the provisions of the program, the graduate school will operate as a separate umbrella which will enable it to exclusively serve only departmental graduate programs.

Although the framework of a graduate program has been established for several years, a Riyadh University spokesman said there were six basic problems that had to be overcome in order to assure a top-notch program:

1) insure a sufficient number of faculty members with the required specializations and interests;

2) provide the allocation of faculty time for the instruction and supervision of graduate

students;

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On Israeli attack, Jerusalem

Islamic ministers hold talks

By Ahmad Shaaban

MAKKAH, June 17 — Ministers of Waqf and Islamic Affairs from all Islamic countries opened a three-day meeting here Wednesday under the auspices of Makkah Governor Prince Majed, with Jerusalem and the recent Israeli attack on a nuclear research center in Iraq high on the agenda.

In a keynote address, Habib Chatti, secretary general of the powerful 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) held the United States responsible for the attack. "There is not a shadow of doubt," Chatti said, "that our vain enemy derives his arrogance from the unlimited support he gets from the United States of America. The latter encourages him to attack the peaceful Islamic world that tries so hard to foster its relations with the entire world and to bring about more rapprochement and understanding among all peoples, as a service for the peace which it is sure that Man is capable of achieving." He added that the world cannot understand the reasons for that queer attitude on the part of the U.S. — a superpower whose intervention, once upon a time, during the Second World War, was greatly responsible for ridding humanity from the evils of the destructive Nazism and which today is shouldering a great responsibility for the preservation of international equilibrium and security.

"It is high time for U.S. leaders today to reassess their attitude and realize that, doubtless, Israel is leading the world toward the gravest dangers through its repeated assaults on its neighbors, denial of human rights, sacrilege of sanctuaries and violation of international law, acts which are reminiscent of that Fascism and Nazism once resisted by America," Chatti said.

In a televised statement Tuesday evening, U.S. President Reagan said that Israel must have sincerely believed that its raid on the



Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC)

Iraqi nuclear research center was a defensive move, since some Arab countries were opposed to the very existence of Israel as a state. He also said that, in his view, Israel was no threat to the Arab countries.

Chatti invited all Muslims to close ranks and stand as one man to face the increasing conspiracies and growing threats against the Islamic world. He said that the attack on Iraq showed that the enemy had widened the area of his aggression. He said that despite the fact that the whole world had denounced this overt aggression, and despite expressions of dismay and condemnation which echoed

worldwide, Israeli officials paid no heed to all this and that they are lying in wait for the Islamic world, ready and determined to strike anywhere in it. (Pakistan which is developing its own nuclear research program for peaceful purposes, is reportedly particularly disturbed by the Israeli attack on Iraq and the subsequent statements by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and other Israeli leaders).

The OIC secretary general said that Muslims must, however, admit that, as a result of the division in their ranks and their preoccupation with secondary differences, the Zionist enemy had found an occasion to escalate the challenge, break all barriers and shamelessly trample on Muslim values, without facing any deterrent action or sustaining any harm.

"No matter how things are," Chatti said, "the problem is, first and foremost, our problem and the Islamic nation has proclaimed its determination to face the challenge by all means. The latest act committed by Israel only brought Muslims closer to each other, to take up that challenge which Israel launched on the whole Arab and Islamic world."

Chatti warned that, in Lebanon, the Zionist enemy is deliberately re-activating the crisis everytime there is the slightest hope in the horizon to see the end of the tunnel and to achieve national conciliation among the opposing factions. By so doing, the enemy aims at fragmenting the unity of that independent country and tearing apart both its independence and sovereignty, he said.

What makes things worse, he added, is the enemy's repeated threats to Syria after creating an artificial crisis (over the missile issue) with that valiant Arab country, in order to use it as a pretext and a justification for its continuous aggression against Lebanon.

Chatti also dealt with the treatment inflicted by Israeli occupation authorities on the Palestinian Arab population of the occupied territories, the alteration of the features of Jerusalem, the desecration of the holy shrines, the Iraqi-Iranian war and the situation in Afghanistan.

COMMENT

By Mohammed Omar Al-Amoudi
Al Madina

Although our national and judicial systems do not recognize insurance companies, we find many such companies functioning in the country on the basis of interest. Muslim jurists have declared insurance as a kind of interest, risk, fraud, gamble and bet. And, since it amounts to taking public funds through false means, our judiciary has been justified to refuse a review on the issue of insurance.

However, foreign insurance companies have exploited this matter to a great extent, and I don't think any alternative administrative solutions will be able to protect people from exploitation. In this connection, the International Union of Islamic Banks has explained the reasons why the activity of insurance companies is considered illegal. In case of life insurance, it says, the life-insured gets back his funds with an additional amount for nothing, which is considered an interest-payment.

The Union further say that insurance companies invest their capital in interest-involving activities and, if the insured defaults in the payment of installments, he is charged interest. Besides, insurance contracts are governed by an element of risk, which amounts to gambling.

The question whether insurance companies can be established on the basis of Islamic Sharia (law) finds an answer from the Union. It says that, if insurance contracts are purified from usurious transaction, which is contrary to divine law, we can easily set up an Islamic insurance system on mutual cooperation, known in other words as mutual insurance.

For several considerations, and especially because Saudi Arabia is the hub of Islam, it is urged to purge all such activities which are incompatible with the divine law. Not only this, it should provide a lead in the field of Islamic banking or Islam-oriented insurance companies.



(Photo by Mohammed Omar Al-Amoudi)
GETTING READY: Preparations are underway for the forthcoming exhibition of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu to be held at the Nova Park hotel end of this month. The problem of erecting signs, flags and bunting was overcome by Kameo Machinery Division of Jeddah which supplied a self-propelled manlift serial platform. The photograph above shows the platform at work which, according to the company, will save days when compared to conventional scaffolding methods.

Fahd thanks Beirut Islamic Society

JEDDAH, June 17 (SPA) — The King's Deputy, Crown Prince Fahd, Wednesday cabled his thanks to the Islamic Charitable Society of Beirut for the noble sentiments it expressed over the Kingdom's liberal donation for the society.

The King's ambassador to Lebanon, Sheikh Ali Al-Shaer, had presented a check of LL 30 million (SR24 million) to former Lebanese Premier Saeb Salam May 29, as the Kingdom's contribution to the society.

Ahsa chamber to discuss industrial situation

AHSA, June 16 (SPA) — A meeting of the regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be held in Hofuf Saturday, presided over by Sheikh Nasser Al-Zar'ali, chairman of chamber's board of directors.

The meeting will discuss the commercial

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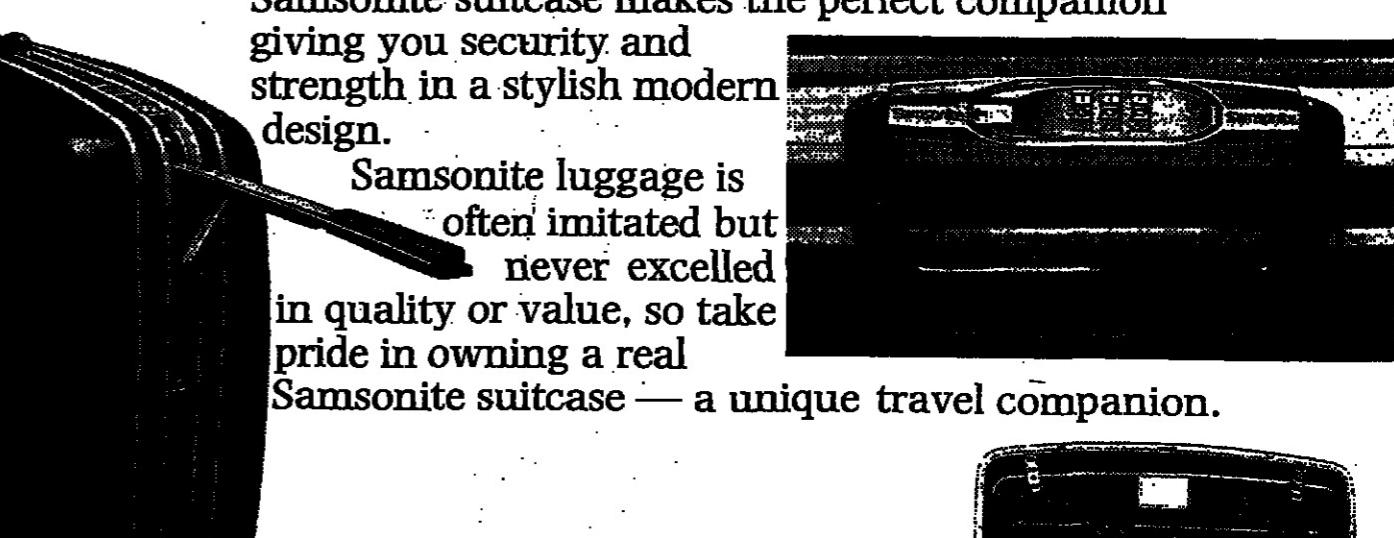
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Kingdom, Spain seek closer relations

MADRID, June 17 (SPA) — The foreign ministers of the Kingdom and Spain, Prince Saud Al Faisal and Perez Llorente, have agreed to further improve "the already excellent relations between the two countries." Prince Saud said Tuesday night that the two sides were determined to expand their mutual relations in all areas and particularly in the economic field. The talks were held within the framework of the current royal visit to Spain.

His talk with Llorente concentrated on the Middle East question, the latest Israeli act of aggression committed against Iraq which resulted in the destruction of its nuclear research center, and the current debate at the U.N. Their views on these matters were identical, he said.

Meanwhile, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Sola said he had fruitful talks with his counterpart Juan Garcia Diez and decided that it was necessary to improve commercial and economic relations "in the light of the strong bonds that link the two countries."

Dr. Sola said his meetings with Perez will have "positive results" and will help increase the trade volume between the two countries. He stressed the need for exchanges and meetings between the two business communities and agreed to a Spanish request to set trade exhibitions in the Kingdom to promote Spanish products in the local markets. Spanish exports to the Kingdom

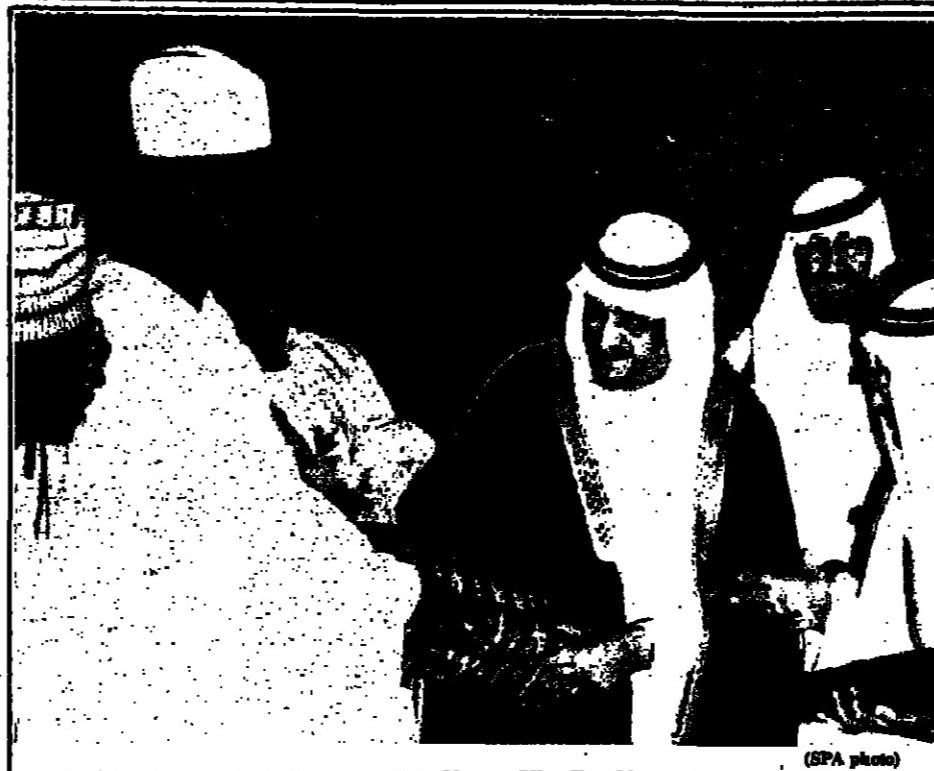
increased 20 times in the last 15 years while Spain has considerably increased its imports of oil from the Kingdom. Last year, Spain imported \$4,500 million worth of oil and exported \$550 million worth of goods to it.

Dr. Sola said he had met with a number of Spanish businessmen during his visit and discussed with them the means of promoting greater trade relations while emphasizing the large role that the private sectors in both countries can play in this direction. "Spanish industry has shown it can compete favorably with other industries required by the Kingdom," he declared.

Perez said he was confident that the royal visit will open "new vistas at all levels" to expand political, commercial and economic relations between the two countries. He said he had studied with Dr. Sola the best ways of accomplishing their common goal.

At the same time the Minister of Post, Telegraph and Telephone, Dr. Alawi Kayal, had talks with Communications Minister Jose Luis Alvarez about improving telecommunications links between the two countries and decided to increase the number of telephone circuits from 30 to 60.

Dr. Kayal said the Spanish side showed special interest in the development of the Kingdom and admired the vast progress made in telecommunications over the past few years.



GIFTS: Crown Prince Fahd and Ghana Vice-President Dr. DeGraft Johnson exchange presents Tuesday night. Dr. Johnson ended his three-day visit and left for home Wednesday. Seen on the background is Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Ghana aide concludes visit

JEDDAH, June 17 (SPA) — Ghana Vice-President Dr. DeGraft Johnson left here Wednesday concluding a three-day official visit to the Kingdom. Dr. Johnson held talks with Crown Prince Fahd during his visit.

He was seen off at the airport by Health Minister Dr. Hussain Al-Jazari, Saudi Director General Capt. Ahmad Mattar, Western Region Commander Gen. Mansour Al-Shuaibi, Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Abdul Rahman Man-

souri, Royal Protocol branch Director Abdul Aziz Jukhdar and the Ghanaian Ambassador to the Kingdom Al-haj Mahmoud Souka Ibrahim.

Dr. Johnson's talks with Prince Fahd dealt with the recent Israeli air raid on Iraq's nuclear plant, the Palestinian question, Arab-African cooperation and Ghana's economic difficulties. Prince Fahd briefed the Ghanaian official on the Arab-Israeli conflict, Palestine and Lebanon.

BRIEFS

JEDDAH, June 17 (SPA) — The new ambassador-designate of Yemen Arab Republic, Ahmad Ali Al-Muhannadi, arrived here Wednesday. He presented copy of his credentials to Foreign Ministry Chief of Protocol Salem Sunbul later in the day. Al-Muhannadi will submit his credentials to King Khaled in the near future.

KHAJJI, June 17 (SPA) — Eastern Province Saudi Telephone celebrated Wednesday the opening of the new exchange and completion of the telephone expansion project for Khafji. The new exchange accommodates 7,000 telephone lines. Khaled Turki Al-Utaishan, emir of Khafji, dedicated the automatic exchange in the presence of officials from the Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Ministry.

UMRAN, June 17 (SPA) — Umran Mun-

icipality has allocated SR30 million for its public utility projects this year, officials reported Wednesday. Mayor Abdul Aziz Al-Farsi, said SR5 million was specified for compensating owners of expropriated land. Other projects include a main vegetable and meat market for Umran and three others for Kalabiyya, Helelah and Tuwaiseer.

DAMMAM, June 17 (SPA) — The Eastern Province Environment Health Committee met here Wednesday under its chairman Abdul Rahman Al-Shuhail, municipal and rural affairs director general on the region.

The committee discussed issues of improving public facilities in Umran and decided to dig an artesian well, build water tanks and improve the town's slaughter house.

Pakistan official hails Kingdom Yamani, Jucks hold talks

PARIS, June 17 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdulla Yamani met with French Industry Minister Pierre Jucks Tuesday. They discussed technical cooperation between the Saudi Arabian Information Ministry and the French government.

Dr. Yamani's talks with the French minister also dealt with French assistance in the field of information and promotion of training facilities to the information ministry's technicians in France.

He proposed telecasting of a special program on Islamic culture and life in Saudi Arabia on the French television. In return, the information minister agreed to arrange a similar program about France of the Saudi Arabian television.

The Kingdom's Ambassador to France Jamil Al-Hegelan and a number of senior French industry officials attended the meeting.

In a separate development, Pakistani Information Minister Raja Zafarul Haq said Wednesday views of his country and the Kingdom are identical regarding promotion of Islamic solidarity, called for by the late King Faisal. He praised Saudi Arabia's role in advancing Islamic solidarity and supporting Muslim peoples.

In an interview with Al Medina, Zafarul Haq said relations between the two countries were good and strong and described them as "a unique model" for diplomatic relations between any two countries.

Discussing another subject, the Pakistani minister reiterated that his country's nuclear program is set up for peaceful purposes as a source of energy because Pakistan does not have enough oil. He pointed out that the nuclear program is an appropriate substitute for petroleum provided that it is implemented for peaceful purposes that have no military or political features.

He denied that his country provided military assistance to Afghan refugees. Zafarul

Haq said Pakistan gives the one million refugees in its land food, accommodation and medical care.

Research ship sails out for seabed studies

JEDDAH, June 17 (SPA) — The Research ship, *Ibn Majid*, began a 12-day research mission in the waters between Wajh and Amlaj on the Red Sea Wednesday morning. Saudi researchers on board the vessel will study the seabed, test on fishing nets and survey various species of fish in the area.

Fuad Dagestan, director of the fisheries research center in Jeddah, said that *Ibn Majid* will use sonar equipment in sounding out the sea bottom. He added that another survey will be made in the Farsan Island area of the Southern Region. These missions come under a joint program between the Fisheries Research Center and the Marine Sciences Institute Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz University. The program is scheduled to start in September.

The British Whitefish Authority had conducted a similar survey off Farsan Island.

Last December, experts from the center used a 10-meter long boat for the exploration of fish resources at the Laith area. They also conducted studies on the economic and social conditions of fishermen in the Thawla area as a preliminary for setting up cooperatives societies for fishermen to improve and modernize their methods.

A cooperative society was also planned at Safwa town in the Eastern Province's Gulf waters. These programs are carried out under United Nations experts' supervision with a view to developing fisheries in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

Sudairi opens Palestine show

By Ahmad Shaaban

Heritage."

Various books on the Palestinian cause and arts and handicraft as well as national dresses are on display and on sale. A large part of the articles comes from Samad Establishment, whose workshops were set up to cover the needs of the Palestinian people and to create jobs for them.

Bakare Drame, assistant secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and other members of the diplomatic corps as well as prominent figures were present at the opening ceremony. A young boy, from the Palestinian Vanguards, presented Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi with a copy of the Holy Koran, as a token gift.

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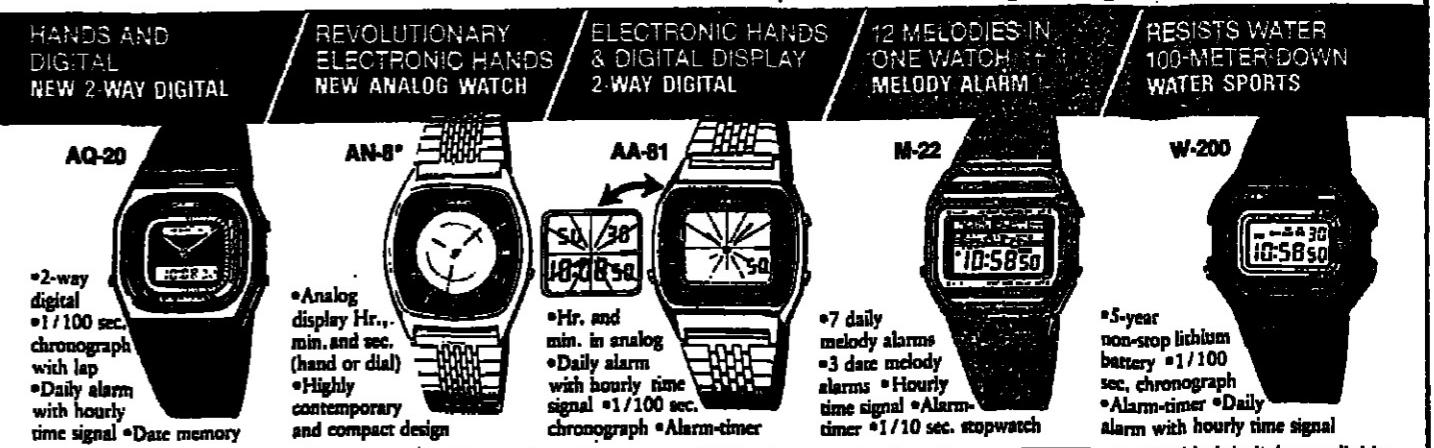
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OAU leaders urged to end divisions

NAIROBI, June 17 (AP) — Moroccan delegates and Algerian-backed Polisario observers traded punches in a running fight Wednesday outside the hall where foreign ministers of the 50-nation Organization of African Unity were discussing African liberation movements.

Club-wielding police broke up the fighting after several minutes and detained two Moroccan diplomats and one Polisario observer. The dispute between Morocco and the Polisario over the Western Sahara is one of the most difficult issues confronting OAU heads of state when they meet here next week.

Polisario fighters have waged a five-year-old struggle for control of the former Spanish

U.S. official has 'useful talks' with Hassan

RABAT, June 17 (AFP) — U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary Frank Carlucci left Morocco Tuesday for Algeria after a two-day visit here during which he had "very useful" talks with King Hassan II and top officers of the Moroccan army.

Carlucci said his discussions with the king dealt with U.S.-Moroccan military cooperation — Washington has agreed to sell Rabat warplanes and tanks — and with "a large number of international issues." The Pentagon aide said U.S.-Moroccan military programs were progressing satisfactorily, and he said King Hassan had shared important information with him on problems of the "Mediterranean basin and southwest Asia."

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Begin's 'fascist tactics'

Poll violence grips Israel

TEL AVIV, June 17 (R) — A senior police officer has said the violence sweeping Israel in the run-up to this month's general election was the worst in any campaign. Tel Aviv Police Commander Moshe Tironkin said organized groups of thugs were to blame for some of the violence surrounding the June 30 election. He told army radio that more violent incidents had been reported than previously. In a number of instances, these violent incidents were organized in advance, rather than spontaneous. There have also been spontaneous outbursts and sometimes a combination of the two," he said. One of the worst incidents was Sunday night when supporters of Prime Minister Menahem Begin disrupted an election rally being addressed by Labor Party leader Shimon Peres. They threw tomatoes and eggs at him and prevented him from speaking. Police intervened and 26 persons were arrested. Later supporters of Begin

attacked the local Labor Party offices. The violence has become a central issue in the election campaign.

Labor chiefs called a press conference Monday and denounced Begin for using "fascist tactics." "There is a real danger to the future of Israeli democracy...Begin wants to impose fear on the people," Peres said. Former police Minister Shlomo Hillel said a recent Begin speech "contained all the components that in other countries have led to fascism."

The campaign manager for Begin's Likud Party, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, rejected these charges Tuesday. He told reporters that if Likud members or sympathizers had been responsible for violent incidents, they had acted against the wishes of the party and of Begin. Police said that almost all the reported incidents had involved attacks on the Labor Party.

Sudan arrests rail strike leaders

KHARTOUM, June 17 (AP) — President Jaafar Numeiri has ordered the army to try to run the railway system after his security forces arrested leaders of striking workers whom he called "saboteurs," the Sudanese News Agency reported.

After the railway workers strike entered its 17th day, with no sign of an early return to work, Numeiri issued a republican decree halting all mediation efforts aimed at finding a settlement of the dispute that also involves river transport, hotels and catering workers trade union, the agency said Tuesday.

It said Numeiri instructed his defense minister to establish a task force, prompting the radio to interrupt its regular program to broadcast a call for former railway workers and trained military personnel who resigned or retired to register for a return to work.

Numeiri earlier in the day ordered the railway network to be broken up into regional transit companies with local headquarters overseeing their activities. The plan was announced after attempts to end the strike that has slowed the national network since May 31 failed.

Numeiri ordered the arrest of strike leaders. The agency said the president had issued a decree ordering security authorities to arrest, interrogate and bring to trial "Saboteurs and instigators" of the strike by rail, river transport and catering workers.

It said the decree banned all strikes and called for legal amendments "to prohibit strikes and stoppages for any reason and set the harshest and most deterrent penalties" for strikers.

Afghan fighters attack, damage Soviet air base

REBELS shelled the Parwan governor's house the same day and killed six party militiamen, the sources here said. The main highway from Kabul to the Soviet border was closed June 9, 10 and 14 due to rebel activities, the sources said.

The informants here reported the defection of at least 200 Afghan soldiers stationed at Jabul Saraj June 6. They all joined rebel forces fighting the Soviet and Afghan government troops.

Meanwhile, Afghan President Babrak Karmal has reiterated his willingness to negotiate with Pakistan and Iran for a peaceful settlement of all national differences. In an interview with the Kabul correspondent of the official Czechoslovak News Agency Ceteka, Karmal said: "It is our desire that the two countries involved take a realistic and responsible approach to our peace proposals to make an easing of tension in Southeast Asia possible."

On bribery charge

Ex-Turkish minister put on trial

ANKARA, June 17 (R) — A former Turkish cabinet minister accused of taking bribes and abuse of power went on trial Tuesday in the second case of high-level corruption to be brought before the courts since last September's military takeover.

The supreme court prosecutor demanded a minimum jail sentence of 36 years for Tunçay Mataraci, who was minister of customs and state monopolies in the Ecevit administration in 1979. The former minister of social security in the same government, Hilmi Isgizlar, also faced the supreme court in March on charges of embezzlement, nepotism and favoritism.

The 21 defendants on trial with Mataraci include a third member of the Ecevit cabinet,

former Public Works Minister Serafettin Elçi, who is accused of asking the former customs chief to make illegal assignment in his ministry. The indictment is based on a special investigative committee report, approved by the five-man ruling National Security Council.

It accused Mataraci of having received about \$1 million in bribes during his time in office. The indictment alleged Mataraci assigned selected key personnel to customs points in line with the wishes of smuggling networks in return for bribes, apparently to facilitate their illegal operations.

Almost all the nearly 2,000 staff appointments Mataraci endorsed during his time in office were irregular, the indictment said.

To Pakistan

India concerned about U.S. arms

NEW DELHI, June 17 (AP) — The Indian government said Tuesday that a decision by the United States to extend a billion-dollar economic and military aid-credit to Pakistan would hurt efforts to normalize relations between the two countries.

"The decision of the United States could undermine the serious effort that is underway to strengthen the process of normalization between India and Pakistan, an important manifestation of which was the recently-concluded visit of the Indian foreign minister to Pakistan," the government said in a statement.

The United States and Pakistan announced Monday in Islamabad, agreement by the Reagan administration to sell F-16 fighter jets and military equipment to Pakistan. India viewed the accord "with concern," the statement added. India's Foreign Affairs

Minister P.V.N. Rao toured Pakistan June 7-12, and assured his hosts of India's peaceful intentions. The two countries have fought three wars since they gained independence from Britain in 1947.

The aid-credit package was announced after talks between U.S. Under Secretary of State, James L. Buckley, and Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shahi. Buckley arrived in Islamabad a day after Rao returned to India.

The U.S.-Pakistan accord is spread over a six-year period. India acknowledged the right of every country to buy weapons for its defense needs, the statement said, but added that the agreement announced Monday is, however, qualitatively and quantitatively different. "It could introduce immediately a new level of weapons sophistication into the region which would affect the existing balance."

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Procedure laid down

Law voted to impeach Bani-Sadr

BEIRUT, June 17 (Agencies) — Iran's parliament laid the groundwork for impeaching President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr Wednesday and adjourned debate on his competence in office until Saturday, reliable sources in Tehran reported by telephone.

The parliament approved a four-article law that outlined procedures for impeachment debates, the sources said. Iran's present laws contain no provision for removing a president from office. Reached by telephone in Tehran from the AP office in Beirut, the sources who declined to be named, said 143 parliament members out of 181 attending Wednesday's open session voted for the new bill. Thousands of demonstrators ringed parliament building demanding Bani-Sadr's ouster.

They said it was not clear whether the rest of the deputies voted against or abstained. Iran's parliament is made up of 217 members of which two vacated their seats to join the government.

Nepal considers Sinai force

KATMANDU, June 17 (AP) — Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa said Wednesday that Nepal is "considering" a U.S. request to contribute a battalion of the Royal Nepal Army to the peacekeeping force in Sinai.

The U.S. proposed that Nepal send a battalion to the Sinai of about 600 men of the Nepalese Army. Nepal, which has diplomatic relations with Egypt, and Israel recently dispatched a 430-member contingent to Lebanon to participate in UNIFIL, the United Nations peacekeeping force.

Thapa told a crowded press conference — his first since he was sworn in Tuesday as prime minister for a new five-year term — that Nepal will continue to pursue its policy of nonalignment.

"We will also strive toward regional cooperation," he said, "and we will try to maintain

Grounded in Turkey

Bomb threat to Israel-bound plane

ANKARA, June 17 (AP) — A Romanian Tarom Airlines TU-154 jetliner remained grounded at a Turkish military airfield 262 kilometers south of here Wednesday, more than 20 hours after it made an emergency landing because of a bomb threat.

The state radio here said a five-man team of explosives experts from Ankara had only begun searching the plane for explosives at 10:15 a.m. local (0715 GMT) Wednesday morning.

There was no official explanation why the search was not begun for more than 14 hours after the plane landed at the Turkish airfield near Konya. The Soviet-made plane was on a regularly scheduled once-weekly flight to Tel Aviv from Bucharest and was carrying 140 passengers and a crew of 15.

The pilot of the jetliner said he was passing over Ankara when air traffic control radioed that the bomb threat had been telephoned to Bucharest airport and relayed to Ankara.

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U.S. plans to sell missiles to Kuwait

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP) — The Pentagon notified Congress Tuesday it plans to sell Kuwait 60 improved hawk anti-aircraft missile and related equipment for about \$150 million.

In addition to the missiles, the deal would include spare parts, technical help and training for Kuwaitis in the use and maintenance of the air-defense weapons. The Pentagon

called the proposed sale "a continuation of support which has been provided to the government of Kuwait" since it bought an earlier generation of Hawks six years ago.

The letter to Congress said the new sale "will demonstrate the continuing willingness of the United States to support the Kuwaiti effort to improve the security of the country."

It will be the former Swedish prime minister's fourth trip to the area since being appointed as Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's special emissary last November.

The U.N. spokesman said he did not know whom Palme would meet in Iran. He said that on previous visits, the Swedish leader had conferred with Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai as well as with President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. The president's political competence is being questioned in the Iranian majlis.

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BLESSING ISRAELI CRIME

President Reagan's statement at his press conference Tuesday surprised the world no end: A measure of partisanship to Israel's cause was to be expected. But the wholesale support and endorsement of Israel's criminal attack on Iraq certainly came as a shock. Not less shocking was the news he imparted on Syria's SAM batteries. These, he informed his hearers, were "offensive" in nature, a novel conception of the role of such a weapon.

Beyond the anger of the Arab world and the dismay of the international community, whose forum, the U.N. Security Council is still debating the issue, Reagan's expressed sympathy for Israel's flagrant criminality raises an interesting point in relation to America's handling of the affair. Reagan's words are certain to influence those, in the administration as well as in Congress, entrusted with investigating the affair from the point of view of possible U.S. involvement and reaction.

The involvement is undeniable. Israel used American-supplied warplanes and bombs to carry its attack. What needed determining was whether this constituted a violation of the terms under which those weapons were delivered, chief among them being that which restricts their use to defensive purposes only. But Reagan now, before the investigation is complete, has given his blessing to Israel's action — and, by implication, to any action of this type it might undertake.

The Arab world, to be sure, did not put much hope in America's response, whatever the investigation showed. The expected was the usual diplomatic dissociation from Israel's crime, the usual calls for "moderation", "restraint", and the like. It certainly did not expect such flagrant, unprecedented abetting and endorsement.

Shoddy as Reagan's performance was, it cannot but be also taken within a more dangerous context. The American and Israeli media are full of reports of direct American collusion with Israel before the attack on Baghdad. America's satellites, the reports say, provided the Israelis with all the information they needed, and the decision to proceed was taken jointly.

This is a matter for the Arab world to investigate, after America's own investigation was so quickly scuttled by President Reagan.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Wednesday mostly led with King Khaled's visit to Madrid's Town Hall Tuesday, during his current visit to Spain. The mayor of the Spanish metropolis handed the key to the city to the visiting monarch. They further reported King Khaled's praise of Spain's stances on Arab issues. In a broad caption, *Al Madina* reported the washing of the holy Kaaba by the King's Deputy, Crown Prince Fahd, Wednesday. *Al Bilad* covered as its lead story the Crown Prince's reaffirmation that the Zionists pose a threat to the Arab nation as well as to the peace and security of the world. Meanwhile, *Al Nadwa* said in a lead that United States President Reagan justifies the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor, and might use a veto to stop any sanctions against Israel.

Newspapers frontpaged talks between the Crown Prince and visiting Vice-President Johnson of Ghana, during which they were reported to have discussed the horizons of Afro-Arab cooperation and exhibited an identity of views on the Zionist aggression. In a front-page story, the newspapers said that French President Francois Mitterrand was to issue a statement Wednesday on the Middle East situation in the light of the Israeli attack on the Iraqi reactor. The opening of the Islamic Waqf Ministers' Conference in Makkah Wednesday by Makkah Governor Prince Majed also figured prominently as a front-page story in the newspapers.

In an editorial, *Al Rayada* stressed the importance of the Kingdom's balanced policy which, it said, has given international dimensions to peace efforts in

the Middle East. The paper added that the Kingdom's balanced and moderate policy has always worried the Israeli enemy, for whom it is difficult to find any pretense to continue to commit assaults against Arab and European interests. Events have proved that the two superpowers are colluding with each other to take hold of Arab wealth and to derive Europe of it. In the light of the diplomatic role being played by Saudi Arabia, the West has now begun to try to turn off the green light Washington has given to Israel to perpetrate crimes against the Arabs and to continue to make attempts to blast Arab solidarity.

Al Madina editorial concentrated on the African Foreign Ministers' Conference in Nairobi, which began Tuesday to pave the way for an African summit conference to be held in the Kenyan capital late this month. The paper said that African leaders will take steps to save the world from going to the brink of a grave danger as a result of the Zionist intransigence and their close link with the racist regime in South Africa. As part of the Arab and Islamic world, the paper said, Africa is always deeply influenced by the events of the Middle East where the Zionist aggression has complicated everything.

Al Bilad dealt with talks between the Crown Prince and the vice-president of Ghana, stressing the importance of joint Afro-Arab action within the framework of a constructive dialogue in the mutual interest. The paper mentioned the Kingdom's economic, political and moral support for the Afri-

can states against the Zionist and communist organizations which, it said, have found good ground to thrive on the African soil. The paper added that the Kingdom will continue its support, so that those dangers are eliminated and Africa embarks on a new approach with Saudi Arabia's comprehensive support for all its constructive roles.

On the other hand, *Al Jazirah* discussed U.S. emissary Philip Habib's visit to the Middle East, saying that it seemed unsuccessful from the very beginning as it confined itself to the Lebanese crisis. The paper wished that Habib's shuttle had started from occupied Palestine and not Beirut, and President Reagan had forced a pledge from Israel to stop all aggressive activities against Lebanon. In this way, the paper said, Habib would have created a vital and constructive element to help Arab and international efforts in bringing about a national reconciliation in Lebanon and restoring normalcy in the country. It further held the view that Israel's aim in removing the Syrian missiles from Lebanon is not different from its targeting of the Iraqi nuclear reactor.

Dealing with America's pro-Israel attitude, *Al Nadwa* observed that the U.S. should feel guilty for all its erroneous attitudes toward the Arabs. The paper said that the U.S. will commit yet another mistake by using its veto in the U.S. Security Council against the application of any sanctions on Israel. The paper made it clear that the Arabs will not be blamed from now on if they resort to weapons to defend themselves and their legitimate causes.



No comment.



Kampuchea risks losing Western aid

By William Shawcross

LONDON — The government of Kampuchea has formally acknowledged that it is Communist. This will damage its chances of more aid from Western governments which have funded a massive relief program for the shattered country since 1979. It will increase its isolation at a U.N. conference on Kampuchea scheduled for July. And it will lessen its hopes of winning from the murderous Khmer Rouge Kampuchea's seat at the United Nations.

This is the second Communist Party to have ruled Kampuchea in five years. The first was that of the Khmer Rouge under whose rule from 1975 to 1979 perhaps as many as two million Cambodians died. Since the Vietnamese invaded to overthrow the Khmer Rouge at the end of 1978 other Communists — both Vietnamese and Kampuchean — have wielded power. But, conscious that for most Cambodians "communism" meant mass murders, the party has only now publicly emerged, calling itself "The People's Revolutionary Party."

The party's leader is Pen Sovann, who is also minister of defense and vice-president of the Revolutionary Council. His relationship to the Vietnamese who have 200,000 troops and thousands of civilian advisers in Kampuchea is necessarily close. He has spent most of his life in Vietnam. Sovann is 45 years old, a slight, studious-looking man. I saw him in Phnom Penh recently, voting in local elections. He played his part like any Western politician, fondling babies, talking to old women and saying: "I trust the will of the people."

In written answers to questions I submitted he said his parents were peasants and that he fought against the French in the early fifties "with great courage." In 1954, aged 18, he was sent to Hanoi when the Geneva conference declared Cambodia neutral under the rule of Prince Sihanouk. He remained there for 16 years, married a Vietnamese, had children and was trained at a military school. In Cambodia during that time an indigenous Communist maquis, the Khmer Rouge, grew around men like Pol Pot, Khieu Samphan and Meng Tary.

In 1970 when Sihanouk was overthrown in a right-wing coup, Hanoi tried to bring together the maquis with Pen Sovann and others trained in Vietnam. But the Pol Pot group killed many of these people as Vietnamese agents. Sovann was not at risk because he ran a Cambodian language radio station in Hanoi.

When the Vietnamese invaded at the end of 1978 they installed their own regime under a Khmer Rouge defector, Heng Samrin, but Sovann, returning to Phnom Penh for the first time in 25 years, was more influential. Since then he has built an effective administration — with the advice of the Vietnamese and crucial aid from the Western relief program.

The opening of the new party's congress recently coincided with a decision by Western governments to give no more relief to Kampuchea after 1981; even this year's budget is short of funds. Kampuchea will become still more dependent on Vietnam, many of whose own people are already suffering malnutrition.

Further pressure on Vietnam to compromise on Kampuchea will be added in July when the U.N. conference is convened in New York. This was requested by a 97 — 22 vote in the General Assembly last year. It has been urged in particular by China and by South East Asian countries which see themselves threatened by Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea.

The Vietnamese and their government in Phnom Penh have refused to attend, saying the situation is "irreversible." Some Asian and Western countries hope to create a broad anti-Vietnamese alliance led by Prince Sihanouk and embracing the Khmer Rouge, who have been built up with Chinese arms and Western food across the Thai border. Such a combination might well prevent the Heng Samrin regime winning Kampuchea's U.N. seat in September. (ONS)

Letters to the editor

Dear sir,

Your report on the Philippine situation has been one-sided. Even your June 17 report on the election coverage is very misleading as the statements you have printed regarding the Filipino Christian minister of Muslim affairs Romulo Espaldon. Such actions of a newspaper is contrary to all the resolutions of the Muslim conference since 1972 and Saudi Arabia is the chairman of the quadrupartite committee on the Moro question.

Everyone is aware of the massive boycott in the Philippines and there was only around 15 percent turnout in the Moro region. I arrived today from Philippines and I am shocked as a Muslim and as a journalist to read your report. I am sending a report to the ministry of information per request of the Moro National Liberation Front, the Bangsa Moro Liberation Organization and the UNIDO.

Prof. Ibrahim Ishmael, former editor-in-chief of *Bawang Moro* Islamic newspaper (named Marcos). EDITOR'S NOTE: It is regretted that your letter contained defamatory language which has been dropped.

Dear sir,

The statements issued by the Marcos government through his spokesman, Mr. Romulo Espaldon, military commander of the Marcos forces in the Moro homeland, a Christian who is appointed as minister of Islamic affairs are as ridiculous as his position — a Christian acting as minister on Islamic affairs to enforce the Sharai' legal system, Islamic education and Moro Muslim autonomy.

Espaldon, as the commander of the government forces is responsible for the deaths and destruction in the Moro homeland for the past years.

The Muslims under the Moro National Liberation Front of Chairman Nur Misuari and the Bangsa Moro Liberation Organization have united with the United Democratic Opposition (UNIDO) under the leadership of Senator Benigno Aquino, Jr. as was declared by the latter on May 11, 1981 in his lecture at the King Abdul Aziz University, Jeddah.

Even the hierarchy of the Catholic Church has supported the boycott of the mock elections of June 16, 1981. The Filipino and Moro peoples once united will sweep aside the government of Marcos. The Moro people has always shown their firm rejection of all elections and referendums of Marcos.

The unilateral implementation of the Marcos version of the Tripoli Agreement has been condemned by the Islamic conference of foreign ministers since 1977. The only way to peace is the government of Marcos and the establishment of a national government by the UNIDO-MNL-BML and all the patriotic forces of the Moro and Filipino peoples.

Ramang Moro
Liberation Organization

JEDDAH

WITH THE ADVENT of summer and a spate of transfers, a number of farewell and welcome parties have been arranged before the holiday season. Among these functions was the reception hosted last Wednesday evening by Jim Plocke of the U.S. Embassy in honor of the American Ambassador designate, Robert Neumann. Later the same evening, a dinner was hosted by Baron Van Heemstra of the Netherlands Embassy to say farewell to the *Mollingers* of the same embassy who will soon leave for Paris for their next assignment. This week included a dinner by the McCormicks of Daniels for the Norrits family a reception by Fred Nomura of the Norwegian Embassy to say goodbye to his many friends on the occasion of his departure for Rabat, as well as a dinner by Amr Fouda in an informal and friendly surrounding.

A **TEN-DAY PALESTINE** cultural exhibition opened at the Al Fatah Office on Kilo 4, Makkah Road on Tuesday evening. This is a regular program aimed to create better understanding of the Palestinian cause and to promote sales of handicrafts and other items made by Palestinian orphans and invalids. The variety of things on sale include paintings, hand embroidered and tailored clothes, dolls, mother of pearl, olive wood items and others. The exhibition is open from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Ladies' only days are from June 20 to 23 while June 24 and 25 are reserved for families.

A PAKISTANI businessmen's luncheon

Arab News Diary

the Ministry of Information.

THE RIYADH ROAD RUNNERS are taking a very hilly route June 19, when they will be running a five kilometer race at 6 a.m. north of New Sulimaya.

A PLASTIC ARTS EXHIBITION for Saudi Arabian, American and French artists was opened last Thursday by Dr. Saleh ibn Nasser, assistant Deputy Information Minister for Radio and Television. The show was held at the International Plastic Arts Hall. The exhibition comprises 22 paintings by the American artist *Cathrine Singleton* and 30 by the French artist *Brighton Margineau*. All paintings illustrate the Saudi Arabian environment. The show is the fifth to be organized by the International Plastic Arts Hall.

THE AL-KHOBAR HOTEL will be serving international specialties prepared by the executive chef of the Red Sea Palace Hotel opening in Jeddah in early autumn. These specialties will be served for dinner from June 20 to 28 at the Windrose Restaurant.

THE FIVE-WEEK BOWLING championship sponsored by the inter-company tournament is taking place at the Marriott Khurais Hotel. The two top teams of each division will play each other during the roll-off.

EASTERN PROVINCE

THE ARABIAN NATURAL HISTORY Association sponsors a slide-lecture presentation by Bill Ross entitled "Saudi Arabian

Killerfish" at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, June 21, at the Dhahran Oil Exhibition Theater.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND in the Dhahran men's softball association tournament begins Friday, June 19, at 3 p.m. at the Aramco Third Street field. The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. the same evening. The tournament will have 33 games with 12 teams competing.

THE STOCK OF FATHER'S Minister of Trade was the featured speaker during the monthly meeting of the British Businessmen's Association at the Algoasabi Hotel.

SCHOOL IS OUT FOR almost all Saudi Arabian and expatriate children in the Province. Both the airport and pools will be swarming with kids for the next week or so as they prepare to leave for summers abroad or relax in the water after all the strenuous work of learning for the past nine months.

STILL ON THE ACADEMIC front, winners of the May, 1981 election meeting for the Dhahran Academy PTA executive board have been announced: president, John Ball; vice-president, Mrs. Sharon Wagner; treasurer, Mrs. Tony Williams; and secretary, Mrs. Polly Robinson. Elected to the school's board of directors trustees are Bassem Hishmeh and Gil Adams.

UPM MUSIC LOVERS congregated in the home of Birgil Sue Miller on Monday, June 8, for their yearly musical evening. Almost all the guests participated in the program which included a 12-person choral group. Such old-time favorites as, "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny," and "All Through the Night," were sung with the audience joining in. The event included the singing of madrigals and anthems from around the world.

Folk Festival shows American traditions

By Kathryn Lindeman

WASHINGTON, (SNS) — Pied-Piper style, the line of dancing, clapping spectators trails behind the trombone and trumpet sounds of the Dixieland band as it winds its way long the crowded grounds. The smell of bread, fresh from the oven, is spreading through the air and, across the way, workmen raise the ridgepole of a traditional Finnish-style sauna.

The scene is the Smithsonian Institution's annual Festival of American Folklife, now in its 15th year. A highlight of summertime in Washington, D.C., the festival aims to help keep American customs and folkways alive,

giving thousands of visitors a chance to learn who and what give this country its great variety.

Held this year for 10 days, June 24-28 and July 1-5, the outdoor festival on the grounds of the Washington Monument will bring together hundreds of singers, dancers, craftworkers and cooks from all over the country and, if the past is any guide, their activities will remind onlookers old-timers how things used to be and give the younger generations an idea of what "tradition" is all about.

Producing such a festival each year, the achievement of the Smithsonian's Office of

North Carolina is forming on his revolving wheel just outside on the Mall. "It shows the living dynamics of culture, and that experience lives on and on."

Then, too, the Smithsonian is a conservation-oriented institution, and this interest extends to preservation of human cultural practices. Such a festival not only gives the audience and appreciation of traditions different from their own, but also provides the performers with recognition and evidence of respect for their traditional arts.

Participants are chosen by a very careful process to assure that the best available examples of traditional methods are featured. The participants are not professional entertainers or trained actors. Many of them are modest country people, and they are often amazed that crowds watch attentively as they demonstrate how to do something they've done since childhood, something they did not learn in school but "grew up knowing how to do."

The Smithsonian's Folklife Festival is a showcase for different kinds of groups with common bonds. Visitors to the Mall may see firefighters, coal miners or sleeping-car porters; native Americans from the Northeast, Great Lakes or the Southern Plains; German-, Japanese- or Caribbean-Americans, and potters, dollmakers and cooks from the South. "When we invite people to take part in the festival," Rinzler says, "we try to reach a balance in music, dance and craft traditions."

In planning the festival, the folklorists first get together for brainstorming sessions. "We always come out of these meetings with more ideas than we are able to use in one festival," Rinzler says. "We scrutinize a mass of possibilities: Is this the year to use our fieldwork on the Finnish Laskiainen festival in Minnesota? Or should we elaborate on last year's presentation of Vietnamese music, crafts and food? Or should we do both?" (For the 1980 festival planners, the answer was "both".)

Once such decisions are made, Rinzler and his staffers move on to specific logistical questions: Should the Caribbean-American cooks prepare "roti" or "callaloo"? Is the work of tying fish files too detailed to use in a demonstration before a large audience? How can an ice-sled be used without any ice? (The cooks prepared both dishes; the fish-fry demonstration was rejected, and the Finnish sled, upon its arrival in Washington, acquired wheels and a plywood track.)

This year, the festival features eight presentation areas. "A Celebration of the American Tent Show" takes a look at traveling entertainment popular in the 1920s and '30s — repertory shows starring stock characters such as Toby, the country bumpkin; melodramas; minstrel shows; medicine shows, and "uplifting" patriotic lectures.

To Rinzler and others, the Folklife Festival is a way to "mediate between objects in museum cases and the contemporary use of the objects." Visitors can go into the Museum of American History and see a bowl or pitcher much like the one that a potter from

Wyoming, W. Va., demonstrates his skills.

Folklife Programs in cooperation with the National Park Service, is more than simply "putting on a show," Folklife Programs Director Ralph Rinzler says. Each festival presentation is researched thoroughly by staff folklorists and contract fieldworkers who bring back to Washington, from cities and towns across the land, taped interviews, recorded music performances, photographs and their own summary reports.

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IMAGINATIVE SCULPTURE: This eye-catching horse, created in Zurich, Switzerland, was created entirely out of horseshoes.

Bill Monroe kept Bluegrass going

By Richard Harrington

Opening a club or kicking off a new festival without Bill Monroe would almost be unthinkable. Recently he helped reopen the Birchmere, moving on the next morning to the first annual Preakness Bluegrass Festival in Baltimore. "It's been a bunch of them," the taciturn Monroe says of his appearances at such openings. "I'm proud of all that. I'm glad to go ahead with it and carry it on just like I brought it down through the years. I keep the music going near right as I can."

What makes Monroe's evolution from pioneer to patriarch so unique is that, at age 71, he's playing his music pretty much the way he did in 1939 when he first went on the Grand Ole Opry. Then, the music's surging beat and new style of harmony singing — what came to be known as "the high, lonesome sound" — blew in like a breath of fresh air. Four decades later, there's very little age on songs like "Mule Skinner Blues," "Footprints in the Snow," "Kentucky Waltz" or "Blue Moon of Kentucky" (which became a hit for the young Elvis Presley as well). Next month, MCA will add a new album of Monroe instruments to the 50 or so he has out already, yet Monroe sounds like man beginning a career, not capping it. "I went on the opry in 1939, and it went to growing, you know. It's taken a long time."

"I love Bluegrass music and I have will-power, there's nobody I know could change me," Monroe insists quietly. "I was going to play it the way I thought it should be played, the way I knew my friends and fans would want me to play it."

The roots of Bill Monroe's music lie in Rosine, Ky., between Louisville and Paducah. Two older brothers, Charlie and Birch, took up guitar and fiddle — mandolin was that was left for a shy but stubbornly proud farm boy who grew up surrounded by string band music and blues.

Bill Monroe's band started off as The Kentuckians before adopting the name The Blue Grass Boys in honor of their home state. Their success on the Opry made Monroe into a major star, to the point in the late '40s that he traveled around the country performing in a huge circus tent — and with his own baseball team. "There was a time when baseball in small towns kind of died away, you know," Monroe says wistfully. "And I had to work hard on my music. Bluegrass went to growing more, so I had to give all that up."

In 1945, The Boys were a veritable hall of fame: Monroe on mandolin and high tenor, Lester Flatt on guitar and harmony tenor, Chubby Wise on fiddle and a young banjo player named Earl Scruggs. Other famous alumni include Jimmy Martin, Sonny Osborne, Mac Wiseman and Don Reno — the current band features the fabled fiddler Kenny Baker. Though the music reflected a staggering array of influences — from Jimmie Rodgers to a local black bluesman, Arthur Schulz — "I wouldn't take much of their music for mine," Monroe says. "I was going to make sure Bluegrass didn't copy nobody. Now, you'll find some Scots bagpipes ... Methodists, Baptist and holiness singing ... some blues and a little Jazz and swing to it, but you don't ever let that override the whole thing."

The spare, strident harmonies of ultra-traditional shape-note singing reappeared in Bluegrass vocals. Monroe's phenomenal mandolin approach was, on the other hand, totally new — its close-chorded syncopation was powerful and explosive, a joyful extension of the square dance beat. What Monroe did, and what he continues to do today, was to meld the fire of tradition with a certain modernity that stops short of electricity. Bluegrass echoed tradition, and over the years the words Monroe, Bluegrass and tradition have become interchangeable.

By the late '40s, Monroe had spawned not only influence, but imitators. He left Decca Records when they signed the Stanley Brothers, whom Monroe felt sounded too much like him. In the '60s, when Flatt and Scruggs were getting much of the credit for originating the music because of their visibility via "Bonnie and Clyde" and "The Beverly Hillbillies" themes, Monroe went into a deeper shell than before. Introspective and shy because of extremely poor eyesight, Monroe had always let his music speak for

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him, and the country people he came from always accepted that. But the urban-centered rock revival of the '60s asked questions and

sought out connections. Monroe's laconic attitude did little to advance his reputation, and for many years the father of Bluegrass

felt like he'd been disowned.

"I might have had that feeling," Monroe says now, "but about that time, people would come along and let me know I was the one who done it, put it together, and that I would never have to worry. That cleared all that away."

Monroe's incredibly high tenor is slightly frayed 51 years after his first radio broadcast in Indiana — he returned there to Bean Blossom more than a decade ago and bought the Brown County Jamboree, turning it into his own ongoing refuge for traditional Bluegrass

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Worst in century

Heat wave hits Portugal, Spain

LISBON, June 17 (Agencies) — At least seven persons have died as a result of Portugal's worst heat wave for over a century, health authorities reported. With temperatures in Lisbon soaring to 43 degrees Celsius the highest recorded since 1856, hospitals reported being besieged by queues of people seeking sunburn treatment.

The heat wave, which began last Friday, has decimated poultry and rabbits on Portuguese farms. Poultry farmers estimate that up to 40 percent of the country's battery chickens have died due to the heat and a nationwide egg shortage is predicted. The heat wave followed the worst winter drought of the century in the Iberian peninsula.

In neighboring Spain the heat wave caused

widespread forest fires and threatens crops, meteorological officials said Tuesday. Temperatures up to 44 degrees Celsius in some areas sparked forest fires over more than 2,000 hectares around the country, according to the Spanish domestic news agency EFE.

The farmers' group, Jovenes Agricultores, said the sunflower crop in central Spain had suffered extensive damage and that a 60 percent reduction in the north's wheat yield could be expected. The agriculture ministry said it was too early to estimate damage caused by the heat wave.

In the northwest region of Galicia, 300 persons have been treated for severe sunburn and four are in intensive care, according to hospital officials. The regional Chicken

Breeders Association reported that 150,000 birds had died from the heat.

Reports from New Delhi said a blistering heat wave with temperatures soaring to 48 degrees Celsius continued to scorch northern India Wednesday, and the death toll in the month-long spell rose to 38. The highest temperatures were reported from Dholpur, Rajasthan state, and Agra, city of the famed Taj Mahal, where weather bureaus recorded a maximum of 48 Celsius, the hottest this summer.

Twenty-nine persons died in heat-related deaths in the northeastern state of Bihar while another nine fatalities were reported from neighboring Uttar Pradesh, the country's most populous state.

As parliamentarian

Indira's son to serve masses

NEW DELHI, June 17 (AP) — Brushing back the "heir apparent" tag that hangs around his neck like a milestone, Rajiv Gandhi insisted that his primary concern is helping the impoverished constituency that just elected him to parliament, and not prepping for the day he might succeed his mother as prime minister.

"My first priority is to get my base strong, and it is never strong until you get it working properly," Gandhi said in an interview. "If I do not get my base strong I will be in trouble four years from now." Gandhi spent a solid month criss-crossing the sprawling Amethi district, 500 kms southeast of here, an effort that crushed 13 opponents and earned him 84 percent of the ballots counted Monday.

"From the way I ran in the election and the response I got, he said Tuesday, "they (the voters) deserve a lot. They are very backward." That means roads, first of all, "and a very close second is water for irrigation," he said. And while Gandhi does not plan to move to the district, he promised "frequent trips."

Still, the 36-year-old soft-spoken Rajiv cannot forget that he is the only surviving son of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, that the parliamentary seat he won became vacant when his brother Sanjay was killed last June in a plane crash, and that many people now consider him Mrs. Gandhi's confident and eventual successor.

Gandhi does not rule out the possibility he may someday become India's leader — or even go out of his way to discourage such talk — but he says it will not be soon, "certainly not" in five years' time. On the other hand, "who knows what will happen?" 30 years from now. In the meantime, he plans to continue to assist his mother as her aide and confidant, a role he inherited from Sanjay.

His election "certainly will facilitate helping my mother," Rajiv said, "but I have to



Rajiv Gandhi

sort out how I do not want to get into difficulties." Most important will be his "feedback role." "People have a feeling that if they tell me something it will get to the prime minister. Everyone has an angle, and they feel I don't" and thus will make an unbiased report.

Gandhi also wants to help "strengthen the party organization" by ironing out "some intraparty squabbling. There is some oil on the water." He does not plan to become allied with the party's youth wing, his brother's power base. "They do their own things," he said. "But if they need any help I will do so."

Despite the inevitable comparisons with Sanjay, Rajiv said he must go his own course. "Sanjay's role was very different," he said. "He was a very senior member of the party. He was the fighting force that brought the party through in the three years it was not in power. (He (Sanjay) had a lot of control over people)." Rajiv added, "I am just starting to see people and getting to know them, so I can't possibly function in that role yet."

LONDON, June 17 (R) — Britain's old-established Liberal Party and the new Social Democratic Party (SDP) — have announced agreement in principle for a joint strategy to fight the next general election. The parties, while retaining their separate identities, will work together whenever possible and will not put up rival candidates for parliamentary seats, according to a statement issued after a meeting between Liberal leader David Steel and SDP founder-member Shirley Williams, a former Labor Party minister.

The statement Tuesday outlined shared objectives which could be incorporated in a manifesto for the next general election, not due before 1984. These include continued membership of the European Common Market, multilateral disarmament, a more balanced economy between private and state sectors and the long-time Liberal Party aim of proportional voting in general elections instead of the present first-past-the-post system.

The SDP, which has recruited more than 52,000 members since it was launched last March, plans to fight its first by-election next month in Warrington, in northwest England. The local Liberals are backing its candidate, Roy Jenkins, former president of the European Common Market Commission.

Meanwhile, an incendiary bomb exploded on a window ledge of the national Labor Party headquarters in southeast London early Wednesday, but no one was hurt, Scotland Yard reported. The blast started a small fire, but passers-by put it out before police and firemen arrived, a Yard spokesman said.

He reported that damage to the building was limited to slight scorching. Officials of the Labor Party, Britain's main opposition party, declined all comment.

As Soviet ship spies

World's largest sub begins sea trials

GROTON, Connecticut, June 17 (AP) — The largest submarine ever built began sea trials Wednesday with a motley flotilla of private and official boats tagging along, anti-nuclear arms protesters jeering from shore and a Soviet spy ship waiting nearby.

The 170-meter-long Trident submarine *Ohio*, built at a cost of about \$1.2 billion and two years behind schedule, departed shortly before 5 a.m. (0900 GMT) for three days of tests.

More than 50 protesters, backed by the American Friends Service Committee,

stood on Eastern Point beach at the mouth of the Thames River, waving signs and jeering as the *Ohio* passed slowly by. The protesters were demonstrating against the submarine's potential to carry nuclear missiles.

The *Ohio* ambled toward the open sea with a police escort, three company ships and a flock of small private boats. Many boats and aircraft in the surrounding area were chartered for the occasion, and the Coast Guard monitored the situation from the three cutters stationed along the sub's

planned route.

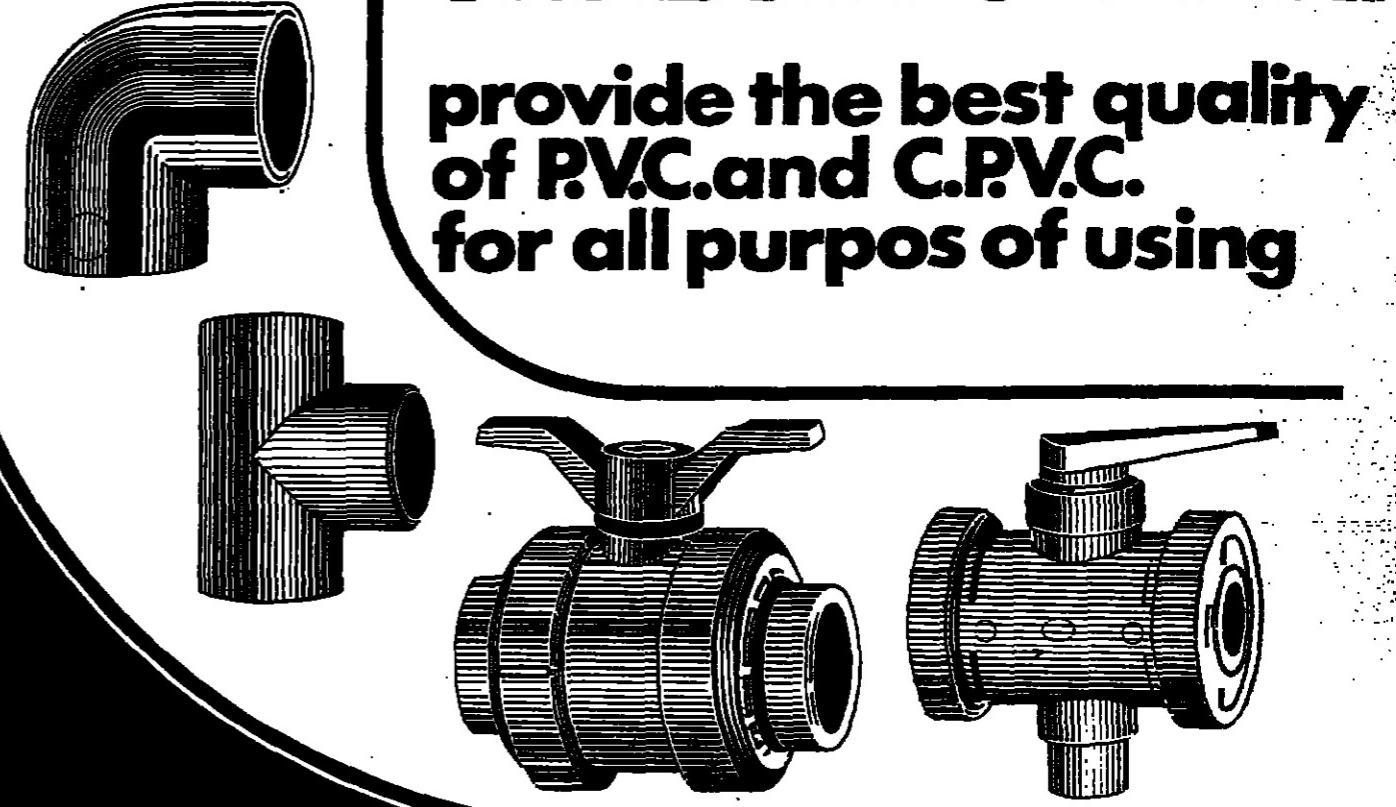
The *Ohio* was heading for the Atlantic Ocean, where it will be under the watchful eyes of not only its navy sponsors but the Soviet spy ship *Elevator* as well. The *Elevator* has been stationed just outside U.S. waters for several days, where its sonar will reportedly listen to the Trident's sounds as it passes out of Long Island sound into the Atlantic Ocean.

The *Ohio* traveled about 9.6 kms down the Thames River before it reached the sound.



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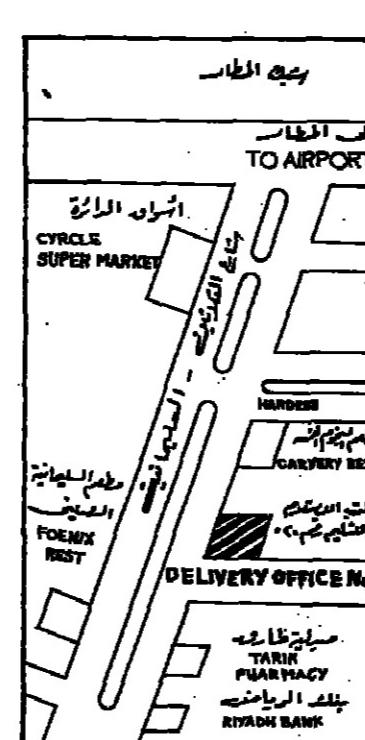
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U.S. output records marginal rise in May

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP) — The United States' industrial production inched upward in May, with most of the small gain due only to auto dealers building up inventories, the Federal Reserve Board has reported.

May's 0.3 percent rise in production followed a 0.1 percent increase in April — tiny figures when compared to gains of 1 percent or more for five straight months at the close of last year, as the economy recovered from the recession.

Analysts said Tuesday they saw no sharp new recession looming, but neither did they predict much economic growth in the next few months.

The Federal Reserve report said the May output gain by the nation's big industries "was concentrated in production of motor vehicles and parts." Auto companies increased assemblies of cars and utility vehicles 7.5 percent to an annual rate of 7.3 million units, the report said.

The Reagan administration has predicted little or no growth in the April-June and July-September quarters.

May's industrial production was 6.1 percent above the depressed level of one year earlier, but it was still slightly below the pre-recession peak level of March 1979, the Fed report said.

The April output gain was revised downward to 0.1 percent from the 0.4 percent originally reported and the new figure is also subject to later revision when more complete

UNESCO row resolved

PARIS, June 17 (AP) — After two days of disagreement, representatives to a 35-nation UNESCO council chose a chairman and executive board Tuesday for a new program to help developing countries improve their communications.

Gumar Gabro, 57, of Norway, a former newspaper editor with extensive experience at the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, was elected to head the governing council of the international program for the development of communications, which will be started with \$1.75 million from the Paris-based agency under which it operates.

An effort to deny France a place on the six-nation board as the representative of the Western countries failed.

Gabro's selection was seen in some quarters as a victory for UNESCO Director General Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, an advocate of establishing a new code of practice for press and world communications.

Gabro, a member of UNESCO's executive board for four years, refused to withdraw his candidacy even though nearly all the Western group of eight nations preferred someone else. The West had to present a unanimous choice as part of an informal agreement with

information is available.

Meanwhile, business optimism about the economic climate in the United States and the government's ability to fight inflation has taken a sharp turn upward in the latest quarterly business confidence survey conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In the spring poll of 1,027 business executives, released Tuesday, 54 percent said the general business climate was becoming more favorable, compared with 30 percent who said it was becoming less favorable.

The percentage of executives expressing an optimistic outlook has risen dramatically since the spring of 1980, when only three percent of the respondents said they felt positive about the economy. In a winter 1981 survey, that view was expressed by 30 percent of those surveyed.

The business community's rating of the government's handling of inflation also has surged upwards since President Ronald Reagan took office. In the spring survey, 57 percent of the executive said the government was doing a good job in fighting inflation and 40 percent said the government was doing only a fair job.

The spring survey also showed that the average executive believes there is better than an even chance that inflation will persist above 10 percent for the next 12 months, and a 42 percent chance of a recession within the next year. The odds for both occurrences is down somewhat from the winter 1981 survey.

Russians urged to hunt for dinner

MOSCOW, June 17 (AP) — Soviet citizens are being urged to go hunting for their dinner in a bid to overcome the current chronic meat shortage.

The bi-weekly *Sovetskaya Kultura*, published by the central committee of the Soviet Communist Party, suggested in its current issue that the country's meat supplies could be substantially increased if hunters shot more wild game.

It reported that deer, elk and wild boars were rapidly increasing in numbers because of protective legislation. In the Republic of Russia alone, there were an estimated 750,000 wild boars.

Sovetskaya Kultura suggested hunting this game, as it would help Soviet current meat shortage.

But many Soviet experts cannot help wondering about the reaction of the ordinary housewife if wild boar and elk meats suddenly sold in all butchers' shops — at present game is sold only in a few specialized shops.

If the authorities decide to the publication's proposal into effect, there is no doubt that meat supplies in shops would improve. But if game was hunted more widely, and more officially, there would still be plenty of competition from poachers.

However, poachers have not waited for *Sovetskaya Kultura* to give them ideas about shooting more game. The sale of this meat has brought many poachers a big income — as well as several years in a labor camp for some of them. The Soviet press is constantly pointing out that individual actions like poaching will never solve the country's meat shortage.

Soviet economic experts will now have to take a decision about the publication's proposal. Even if the authorities do not agree with it, there can be no doubt that hunting does play a leading role in protecting the ecological balance.

The *Sovetskaya Kultura* regretted that many ecologists anxious to protect wild animals, often, without thinking, acted against interests which were dear to them.

For instance, over the past few years wolves have been protected animals as there were fears that they were a dying breed.

But they have multiplied so rapidly in some regions that they hunt in packs and destroy farm crops. So a bonus will be paid for every wolf shot by a hunter.

Japanese invest \$4.69b abroad

TOKYO, June 17 (R) — The Japanese, anxious to ease trade frictions caused by their surging exports, invested huge amounts of money in other countries again last year.

The finance ministry said Japan's direct overseas investment in fiscal 1980, ending last March, fell six percent to \$4.69 billion from a record \$4.99 billion the previous year.

But investment by Japanese firms in industrialized nations had been stepped up in a bid to ease trade frictions with them over Japanese exports, it added. The flood of Japanese goods on to overseas markets especially in the United States and Europe has brought angry reaction and calls for protectionism.

Investment in the United States rose 10 percent from a year ago. In Europe, it was up 17 percent, in Asia, it rose 22 percent, but in Latin America it slumped by 51 percent and this was responsible for the overall fall.

But diplomats expect it to be less popular with countries like the Netherlands and Denmark, whose prosperous farmers earn a

Monetarist policy to stay, Thatcher says

LONDON, June 17 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, in a major speech on the British economy, has said she will not alter her anti-inflation tight money policies to soothe critics in her own party who want more government spending to counter rising unemployment.

Taking the offensive at a dinner of the big business Confederation of British Industry, the premier said in prepared remarks that in two years of power her Conservative government has halved inflation, cut interest rates, started to reduce income taxes and restore incentives, and taken the first steps to curb union power.

Mrs. Thatcher said she will maintain her economic strategy despite the critics. Her aim remains to cut inflation to single figures from the current 12 percent rather than reduce the number of jobless, keep down government spending and curtail pay hikes in the government service to around 6 percent.

Mrs. Thatcher's speech was made as leaders of nine civil service unions differed over calling a national strike to force concession of their 15 percent pay claim for half-million government employees. The claim affects everyone from janitors to top civil servants, covering annual pay scales from £4,500 to £33,000 (\$9,000 to \$66,000).

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EEC set to reform budget

BRUSSELS, June 17 (R) — The European Common Market's 14 commissioners go into a private session this weekend to pull together the threads of a tortuous debate on reforming the EEC budget.

By the end of this month, EEC sources said, they must submit detailed proposals to Common Market governments for what could be one of the most difficult negotiations in the European Economic Community's history.

The EEC commission was charged in May last year with the task of drawing up a blueprint for reforming the \$2.5 billion budget — in order to avoid any repetition of the row over EEC payments which split Britain and its EEC partners for more than a year. In a two-day session in a luxury hotel at the Belgian sea-side resort of Knokke next Friday and Saturday it aims to put its ideas down on paper at long last.

For the 14 EEC commissioners themselves, the task of reconciling conflicting national interests has become a test of the commission's credibility which could ultimately even cost them their jobs. "The commission is fighting for its survival," one experienced EEC diplomat said, giving an insight into the tension which surrounds the EEC budget debate.

Publication of the commission blueprint, scheduled next week, will mark the start of wrangling over money among the 10 EEC states which could go on for months. EEC government leaders will discuss the budget proposals at a summit in Luxembourg on June 29-30, and the European parliament, eager to use its limited powers whenever the EEC budget is in question, will also want to have its say.

If it is dissatisfied, the parliament has the power under EEC rules to sack the 14 commissioners and order governments to appoint new EEC commissioners in their place.

EEC sources said the commission is likely to call for more emphasis on EEC spending on social and regional projects and less on farming, which at present swallows two thirds of the budget. This is likely to be welcomed by Britain, which stands to gain from such a shift, and by the European Parliament, which has demanded more funds for regional and social projects.

But diplomats expect it to be less popular with countries like the Netherlands and Denmark, whose prosperous farmers earn a

lot from the common agricultural policy (CAP). These countries could have to foot much of the bill for re-structuring of the EEC's budget, if Britain and West Germany stick to their refusal to supply more funds.

Britain and West Germany, both heavy net contributors to the EEC budget at present, complain that they have been forced into an unacceptable situation by their high EEC payments. How to deal with these complaints will be one of the crucial elements of the debate on EEC budget reform.

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lenge, boosting manufacturing exports by

more than four percent last year and increasing productivity to an all-time high last January.

Mrs. Thatcher acknowledged that unemploy-

ment had doubled during her term in ofice, to 2.5 million, 10.6 percent of the workforce, inducing "the sharpest economic change for a generation" and causing a "painful" adjustment. "I am under no illusion that the last two years have been, for many of your members, among the most difficult they have experienced in their working lives," the prime minister said.

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job slowdowns at state computer centers, air-

ports and harbors have failed to budge the

government from its 7 percent offer. The

government is prepared to put up with the

consequences in the public services "as em-

ployees adjust to the new reality," Mrs.

Thatcher said in a reference to the dispute.

Mrs. Thatcher said: "The only true path

to more jobs and more prosperity is through

the ability to compete... German and Japanese

companies are improving their productivity

all the time. So we must out-perform them if

we are to catch up."

To bolster her stand, Mrs. Thatcher quoted

19th century Prime Minister Sir Robert Peel

who said: "Of all vulgar arts of government,

that of solving every difficulty which might

arise by thrusting his hand into the public

purse is the most delusory ad contemptible."

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The draft policy announced last July

would give domestic producers more protec-

tion against import competition. The assoc-

iation, which represents 810 importers across

Canada and 25 foreign exporters, is opposed

to the proposed policy.

Referring to the General Agreement on

Trade and Tariffs, which Canada signed,

Dixon said: "We have set off to cut the break

the trade agreement in favor of the Cana-

dian manufacturer who is already the most

protected manufacturer on the face of the

earth," Dixon said.

Canada is the only country in the world,

said Dixon, which has global quotas on foot-

wear, cheese, turkey, and chicken.

"We have horrible defenses against

imports of clothing and textiles," he said.

The policy would "soften, warp and twist"

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earth," Dixon said.

OECD talks

U.S. defends interest rate policy

PARIS, June 17 (R) — The United States has rejected European criticism that its high interest rates and the strong dollar are seriously damaging their economies and putting people out of work.

After a sharp attack on American policies by France at an international conference in Paris, Myer Rashish, undersecretary for economic affairs at the State Department, told reporters that some countries which criticize high U.S. interest rates may be flagging in their commitment to anti-inflation policies.

"We are not pursuing a policy of high interest rates. But we think it's desirable for countries which face a serious problem of inflation to fight inflation. If countries have low inflation and high unemployment then they should combat that," he said.

Rashish was responding to France's new Socialist foreign minister, Laude Cheysson, who earlier told ministers from leading industrial democracies that U.S. economic policies were damaging trade and industrial investment in Europe and increasing unemployment.

The foreign and finance ministers, meeting at the 24-nation Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), are likely to disagree sharply Wednesday when they discuss ways to overcome stagnation and cut inflation and record unemployment, according to OECD officials.

ECC finance ministers and world central bankers, meeting separately Tuesday in Lux-

embourg and Basle, also called on the U.S. conservative administration to change its policies and put less emphasis on controlling the American money supply.

The switch last autumn by U.S. monetary authorities to controlling the money supply as the prime method of beating inflation has forced American interest rates up to around 200 percent, boosting rates in Europe and weakening other currencies.

Speaking at the opening session of the OECD meeting, Cheysson stepped up the Mitterrand government's recent criticism of U.S. economic strategy. "With interest rates at 20 percent and the dollar floating in the stratosphere, employment is falling, trade suffers, no industrial investments can take place and the worst off are in the forefront of the battle against inflation," he said.

He said his government's priority was employment and the strong dollar and high U.S. interest rates were intolerable.

Noting that inflation was still running high in the OECD area while growth remained poor, Cheysson said: "these policies are dis-

couraging investment and inviting recession. Consequently condemning a growing number of workers to unemployment."

The OECD jobless total is expected to rise to over 26 million next year or 7.5 percent of the workforce. The rate in Europe could reach nine percent. "We can't accept a policy of fighting inflation being carried out solely to the detriment of the weak," Cheysson later told correspondents, making it clear that the "weak" also included the developing countries as a group.

Calling a world-wide "new deal," he said increased official development aid (ODA), improved recycling of capital and increased investment in developing nations could help put end to the crisis for both rich and poor countries.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State William Clark, indicating that the Reagan administration is sticking to its economic guns, said the most valuable contribution the U.S. could make to development was to "restore and maintain a growing U.S. economy, free of inflation... and to provide a secure and peaceful international climate."

Employment plan

France acts to boost industry

PARIS, June 17 (AFP) — Financial measures to help industry and boost employment for the young were announced Wednesday by the French government which said the program will be financed by a national loan.

The measures, comprising mainly increased credit facilities, are intended to encourage investment and output. They were announced at Wednesday's weekly cabinet meeting.

The state is to make available 6,500 million francs (\$1.2 million) at low rates of interest.

IMF denies PLO observer status

WASHINGTON, June 17 (R) — The International Monetary Fund has voted not to admit the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as an observer at the IMF-WORLD Bank annual meeting in September, monetary sources have said.

The decision was made Monday night after several hours of debate by the IMF executive board and is identical to a resolution reached last Friday by the World Bank, the sources said.

The decision follows lobbying by the United States with the fund's member-countries to keep the PLO out of the Washington meeting on September 27. For two years the PLO has been seeking admission to the annual meeting, which brings together the world's finance ministers. In a brief statement Tuesday, the IMF said that observers would be the same as those permitted in 1979. It did not mention the PLO, but the previous list did not include the PLO.

The government also announced Wednesday measures to combat discrimination against women and to provide training schemes for young people.

London stock market

LONDON, June 17 (R) — Share prices closed lower in fairly quiet trading, dealers said at 1500 hours the forward trading index was down 5.8 at 545.6.

Operators were disappointed that no other major U.S. Bank of Chemical Bank at a 19 percent prime rate and light selling emerged soon after the opening, dealers added. Equity leaders mainly lost between 2p and 6p though Tesco Stores was 2½p higher at 64½p, after 65½p, following better than expected 1980/81 results, they noted. U.S. and Canadian shares were generally lower in equity trading.

U.K. government bonds were steady to easier at the close after light buying around mid-session lifted prices from opening lower levels, dealers said. Longer dates, at one stage ½ point easier, recovered to show falls of only ¼ point, they added.

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Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	9.05	9.04
Belgian Franc (1,000)	89.00	111.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.43	—	2.34
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.00	145.80	145.40
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	131.25	131.00
Egyptian Pound	—	4.08	4.23
Emirates Dirham (100)	92.70	92.75	—
French Franc (100)	61.00	61.50	60.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	63.00	40.30
Indian Rupee (100)	—	25.00	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	29.80	29.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.54	—	15.60
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.25	10.22
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.1950
Lebanese Lira (100)	80.15	79.70	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	67.00	64.20
Palestinian Dinar (100)	—	—	43.40
Philippine Peso (100)	—	6.82	6.82
Pound Sterling	6.82	6.84	—
Ottoman Riyal (100)	—	93.75	93.60
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	160.10
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	36.50	—
Swiss Franc (100)	166.00	167.25	166.80
Syrian Lira (100)	—	53.50	—
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	33.50	—
U.S. Dollar	3.40	3.090	3.4020
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.70	74.20

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Kuwait oil output cut ruled out

KUWAIT, June 17 (R) — Kuwait will not cut its oil output any further because a glut on world markets will disappear by the end of this year, the country's oil minister said in an interview published Wednesday.

Some members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting countries (OPEC) decided to cut production by a minimum 10 percent at a meeting in Geneva last month to mop up the glut and take pressure off prices.

Kuwait Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al-Khalifa Al-Sabah told the *Al-Ahram* newspaper that his country had already cut oil output from 1.5 million barrels per day (BPD) to 1.25 million BPD on April 1 and would not reduce it further. The glut, of between two to three million BPD, was temporary and would disappear by the year's end, the minister said.

Saudi Arabia, OPEC's biggest producer and exporter, has said it engineered the glut to moderate oil prices. Venezuela and Ecuador, both OPEC members, as well as non-OPEC Britain and Mexico, have since cut their prices.

Meanwhile, the price of Norwegian North Sea oil is also expected to be reduced considerably when the oil companies before July 1 fix their prices for the third quarter of 1981, government and oil company spokesmen said Wednesday.

The fact that Britain reduced the price of British North Sea oil represents a pressure on the price of Norwegian oil as well, said Information Chief Egil Helle of the Norwegian oil and energy department.

London Commodities

	Closing Prices
Gold (\$ per ounce)	June 17 June 16
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	503.75 509
3 months	319.75 524.50
Copper cash	858.25 863.85
3 months	882.75 888.25
Tin cash	6405 -6835
3 months	6537.50 6519.50
Lead cash	360 345.50
3 months	367.25 361.25
Zinc cash	433.00 421.50
3 months	430.50 421.50
Aluminum cash	621.50 629
3 months	642.50 660.25
Nickel cash	3082.50 3105
3 months	3140 3152.50
Sugar August	199.25 194.82
October	200.12 196.12
October July	770.50 771
September	791.50 792.50
Cocoa July	790.50 792
September	821.50 882
December	838.50 860

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Financial Roundup

Riyal deposit rates tumble

By J.H. Hammond

expected figures should be interesting to see if the "Fed" has indeed managed to bring down U.S. money supply figures for the fourth consecutive week.

On the European exchanges, the dollar was more stable than the falls that had been observed Tuesday. The pound sterling hovered at the 2.00 dollar levels for most of the day, but the Japanese yen slipped to 220.65 levels, losing one yen to the dollar. The French franc was fluctuating at 5.57 levels Wednesday after closing in New York at 5.5850 levels, but most analysts were still waiting to see how the markets would react to a convincing Socialist election victory next Sunday. The German mark slipped to 2.3480 levels after reaching 2.33 levels Tuesday and the Swiss franc followed suit by being quoted at 2.043. 1 francs to the dollar.

Locally, the major interest concentrated on riyal deposit rates which saw another day of sustained interest rate falls. One-month JIBOR rates were quoted at 13 - 13 ½ percent levels on opening, but by mid-afternoon were quoted at 12 ½ - 13 percent by local dealers. Some banks reported short-term fixed deposit rates of one week or under as having fallen to about 5 percent at one stage compared to 15 percent only one week ago. The interest differential has now shifted significantly in favor of the dollar, but the fall in riyal interest rates should come as some relief to local businessmen who had been suffering from high riyal interest rates, particularly in the last month. Spot riyal against the dollar continued to be traded at or slightly above the SAMIA parity level, indicating that demand was for commercial transaction purposes. Dealers reported that the local rates had come down due to some injections of riyal liquidity into the system. That is a big "if" indeed.

IAEA fails to select new chief

VIENNA, June 17 (R) — The search for a new director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is deadlocked, with the Soviet Union blocking the Western choice, diplomatic sources said Wednesday.

The sources said the agency's 34-member board of governors meeting here last week gradually eliminated four of the six candidates, but split 50-50 over the last two in voting at the weekend, a two-thirds majority is required to choose a new head.

The board is seeking a replacement for W. Ekholm, 70, who took over as director-general of the agency four years after it was founded in 1957 and has run it ever since. In a series of straw polls, the board eliminated Alan Wilson of Australia, Juan Eibenswuch of Mexico, Keiji Koronof of Finland and Ryukichi Imai of Japan.

The industrialized countries are opposed to Imais' candidacy because they fear he might try to change the direction of the agency from its principal role of checking that nuclear materials for peaceful atomic programs are not being secretly diverted to military use.

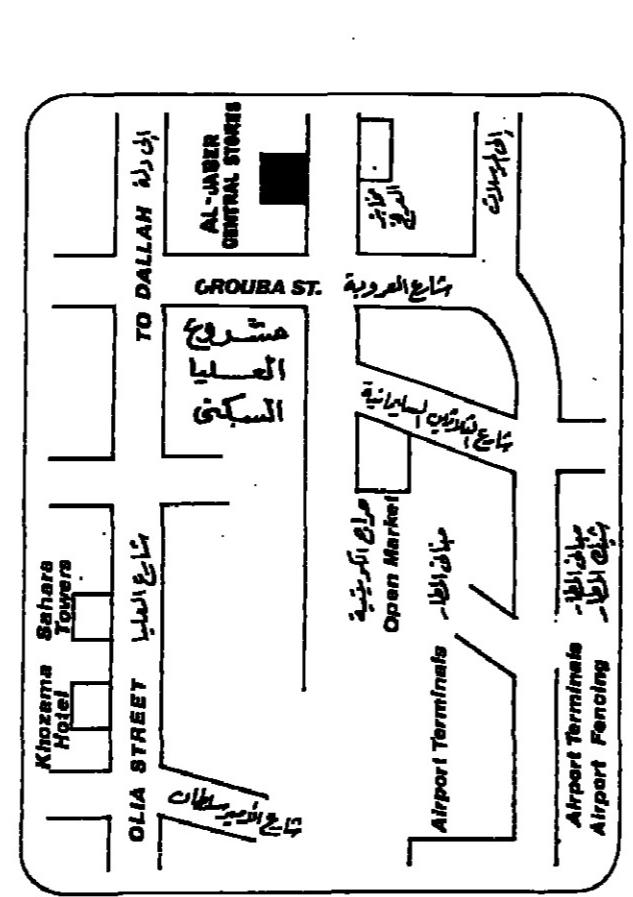
Third World members of the agency have repeatedly complained that too much of its \$90 million annual budget is being spent on safeguarding and not enough on helping poor countries develop nuclear power.

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Boycott to Yorkshire's rescue

Zaheer flogs Somerset attack

LONDON, June 17 (AP) — Zaheer Abbas, Pakistani cricket star, hit 150 not out for Gloucestershire against Somerset in the English County Cricket Championship at Bath Tuesday and brought his aggregate of runs for the match to an incredible 365 without being dismissed. He scored 215 not out in the first innings.

Zaheer was on course for his second double century of the match. He would have been only the second batsman to achieve such a feat in the history of cricket, but Gloucestershire declared and set Somerset the task of scoring 349 to win.

Gloucestershire just missed victory. Somerset were 245 for nine at the end of the day, and the match was drawn. The only man who ever scored two double centuries in the same



SAVIOR: Geoff Boycott who scored a sparkling 124 and saved Yorkshire from the threat of an innings defeat against Nottinghamshire in the English County Championships Tuesday.

match was Arthur Fagg of Kent, in 1938. Hampshire, who finished bottom of the Championship last season with only one victory, scored their second win in successive matches. Trevor Jesty took five wickets for 56 and led the way to victory over Worcester by an innings and 28 runs.

Geoff Boycott saved Yorkshire from defeat with the 122nd hundred of his career, but his defiant innings could not stop Nottinghamshire going top of the table.

Despite being held to a draw by Yorkshire after looking certain to win at the close Tuesday night, Nottinghamshire's eight bonus points put them into first place with a one-point lead over Sussex.

Yorkshire, resuming at 140 for three and still needing 104 to make Nottinghamshire bat again, were lifted out of trouble by a stand of 158 in 235 minutes between Boycott (124) and Jim Love (97). At the close Yorkshire were 355 for seven.

Sussex also moved ahead of last week's championship leaders Surrey, who were without a game, despite losing to Kent by 37 runs. Asked to make 220 to win, Sussex were all out for 182 when Derek Underwood bowled Chris Waller with the last ball.

Brief scores: At Worcester: Hampshire beat Worcestershire by an innings and 28 runs; Worcestershire 115 in 54.3 overs and 194 (P. Neale 43, T. Jesty five for 56, K. Stevenson four for 63); Hampshire 337 in 96.3 overs.

At Bradford: match drawn. Nottinghamshire 322 for eight in 94 overs; Yorkshire 78 in 59.1 overs and 355 for seven (G. Boycott 124, J. Love 97); Nottinghamshire eight points; Yorkshire three points.

At Leicester: match draw. Leicestershire 251 for nine in 138.1 overs and 276 for five declared (B. Davidson 86, J. Steele 65); Glamorgan 309 in 123 over and 103 for four.

(Javed Miandad 42 not out), Glamorgan five points; Leicestershire three points.

At Bath: match drawn. Gloucestershire 361 for four declared and 303 for four declared (Zaheer Abbas 150 not out, A. Hignell 40 not out); Somerset 316 in 86 overs and 245 for nine (D. Rose 85 not out, D. Breakwell 53, P. Bainbridge five for 68); Gloucestershire eight points; Somerset five points.

At Derby: match drawn. Derbyshire 289 in 100 overs and 188 for nine declared (P. Kirsten 90 J. Lever four for 36, R. East three for 18); Essex 156 in 54 overs and 250 for five (G. Gooch 78, S. Turner 58 not out, B. Hardie 55 not out); Derbyshire seven points. Essex five points.

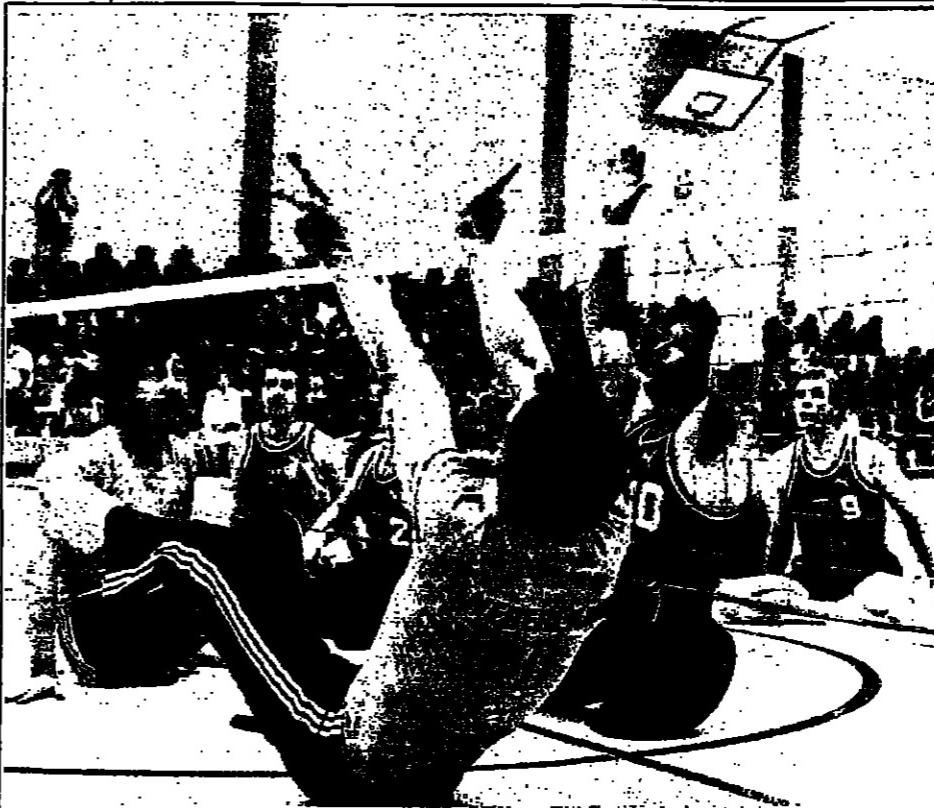
At Runbridge Wells: Kent beat Sussex by 37 runs; Kent 250 for eight declared in 100.2 overs and 270 for five declared (N. Taylor 99, C. Tavaré 88); Sussex 301 for five declared in 97.5 overs and 182 all out (G. Mendis 80, K. Jarvis five for 82); Kent 20 points; Sussex seven points.

Blyth way ahead

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, June 17 (AP) — The British trimaran "Britannia Ferries GE" continued its record-breaking sprint across the Atlantic Tuesday, extending its lead in the first observer double-handed Transatlantic race.

Driven by gusts of more than 50 knots, the 65-foot trimaran, sailed by Chay Blyth and Rob James, was photographed by satellite about 809 miles from the finish line at Newport's Brenton Reef Light Tower early Tuesday.

Blyth and James are now expected to finish the Transatlantic race as early as Friday, ahead of the pre-race schedule and about four days faster than the previous record for a boat with a crew of two or fewer.



SEATED VOLLEYBALL: Action during the final of the seated volleyball European Championships between the Germans and the Netherlands in Bonn recently. The Championships opened to handicapped persons, saw ten teams qualify for the final round. The German team consisted mainly of athletes who had their legs amputated.

Mustafa to defend title against Michael Spinks

NEW YORK, June 17 (AP) — American Eddie Mustafa Muhammad will defend his World Boxing Association (WBA) light-heavyweight title against compatriot Michael Spinks in either Atlantic City, New Jersey, or Las Vegas, Nevada, on July 18.

Michael Spinks is the brother of former world heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, who lost last Friday in a title bout with Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion.

It was also learned here that a new York promoter has offered WBC light-heavyweight champion Wilfredo Gomez of Puerto Rico a million dollars to fight Panama's Rosendo Duran, former WBC welterweight champion, for the light-heavyweight title.

Duran, meanwhile, will be fighting someone soon as he attempts to comeback since quitting last November against now-WBC welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard of the United States.

Teru to fight Pintor

Japanese bantamweight champion Hurricane Teru will challenge World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight champion Luis Pintor of Mexico in a title fight at Nagoya, central Japan, Aug. 25, promoters announced in Tokyo Thursday.

It will be Pintor's sixth defense of the title he won from his countryman Carlos Zarate by a split decision in Las Vegas on June, 1979.

Jim Watt honored

Meanwhile, World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight champion Jim Watt interrupted training Tuesday to be officially recognized as Glasgow's Pride.

Michael Kelly flew to London, where Watt, 32, is training for his title defense against Alex Arguello at Wembley on Saturday.

In a ceremony at the Guildhall, in the city of London, Kelly said: "In a dangerous sport, Jim Watt has proved to be an outstanding ambassador for Glasgow. He is quiet, modest, unassuming and polite. He has brought nothing but honor to his native city and to his native country."

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Johan Cruyff disappoints

Milan soccer tourney begins on dull note

MILAN, Italy, June 17 (AP) — A disquieting and dull game between Milan and Feyenoord of Holland ended in a 1-1 tie Tuesday night in the first game of a team round-robin soccer "Supercup" tournament at Milan's San Siro Stadium.

The second game on the hot June night

nazionale of Milan tied Penarol of Montevideo 1-1.

The game between Milan and Feyenoord

watched by 40,000 fans in the 80,000-seat stadium. Milan fielded veteran Johan Cruyff, the former World Cup hero of Holland, whose poor shape forced his replacement in the 46th minute.

The Inter-Penarol match, watched by a crowd of 45,000, was marred by rough play.

An referee Arnaldo Prati showed the yellow card for foul play to six players, Orioli, Scelbi and Pasinato of Inter and Paz, Zaza and Ortiz of Penarol.

Striker Alessandro Altobelli put Inter ahead in the 38th minute but two minutes

from time inside right Ortiz scored the equalizer with a 20-meter well-placed shot.

Inter was unable to field Tony Woodcock as the British striker who plays in Germany, failed to show up in Milan for unknown reasons.

Cordoba well placed

Meanwhile, Argentina scored its third straight victory and Japan picked up one win Wednesday in the qualifying round of the President's Cup International Soccer Tournament in Chonju, 150 miles south of Seoul.

Argentina's Racing de Cordoba scored two goals in the first half and went on to blank West Germany's Saarbrucken 3-0. The victory with no losses virtually assured Argentina a berth in the semifinal series, although they have two more games to play in the six-team Group 'A' elimination round. The German team has won one game and lost two with two more to play.

In the day's second game, the hitherto winless Japanese national team defeated France 2-0 after it lead 1-0 at halftime. Japan has lost two games, while the Chateauroux team of France has drawn one game and lost two.

South Korea and Malaysia battled to a scoreless draw in the first half, but the host team scored two goals in the latter half for its second win against one draw. It was Malaysia's second loss with one victory.

Tea Men rally

In the North American League, Bob Newton scored his second goal of the season with just 2:29 remaining Tuesday night to lift the Jacksonville Tea Men to a 3-2 come-from-behind triumph over the San Diego Sockers.

Newton's game-winner at 87:31 came off a pass from Nino Zec who had received the ball from Alan Green about 20 yards from the goal. The tally boosted Jacksonville's record to 9-8 with 71 points, second in the NASL's

Southern Division.

Manu Samon gave San Diego a 1-0 lead at 25:20, but the Tea Men tied it less than a minute later on Green's sixth goal of the season at 26:13.

Taiwanese champs

In Hong Kong defending champions Taiwan captured the Asian Cup Women's Soccer Tournament for a third straight time Wednesday, easily defeating Thailand 5-0.

The victory gave Taiwan, represented by the Mulan Soccer Club at this year's Fourth Asian Cup Championship, permanent possession of the tournament's trophy. The Taiwanese girls, undefeated in the tournament, scored their first goal in the 30th second of play and led 4-0 at halftime.

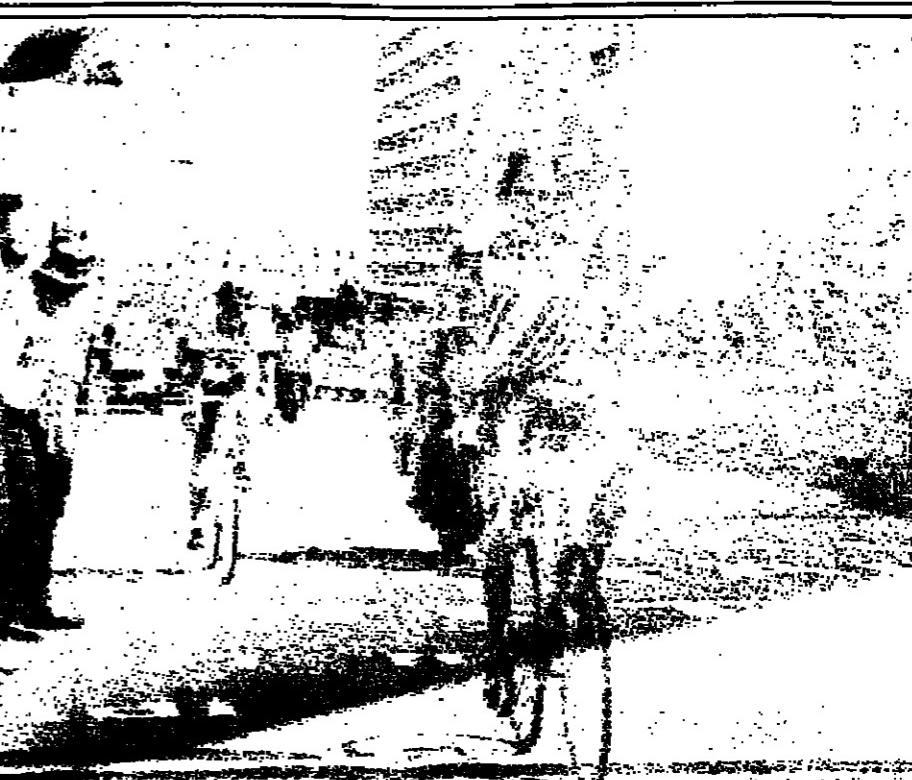
In an earlier match, India defeated Hong Kong 2-0 to place third in the championship, which attracted teams from Hong Kong and seven other nations. Hong Kong finished fourth.

Mulan's first swift goal, scored by striker Chao Feng Ying, appeared to have a stunning effect on the Thais who never quite recovered during the rest of the match.

Putting on pressure, the fleet-footed Taiwanese made it 2-0 in the fifth minute on a goal by Chen Hsu Jung. Midfielder Choi Tai Yunn scored another goal minutes later and Chao collected her second goal of the match in the 20th minute.

In the second half, the Thais tightened their defenses and kept the Taiwanese girls at bay until Chou found an opening to score her second goal and seal Taiwan's 5-0 victory.

The Indian girls led 1-0 at halftime on a goal in the 25th minute by Shanti Mullik. India's second goal was scored by Shukla Dutta. The other teams in the tournament were from the Philippines, Singapore, Japan and Indonesia.



(AP photo)

TRIUMPHS: Jean Francois Rodrigues of France raises his hands in triumph after winning the first leg of the Midi Libre Grand Prix Cycling Classic in Nimes, France Thursday.

Germans wrest hockey title

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 17 (AP) — West Germany beat world champions Pakistan 3-2 (3-1 halftime) here Wednesday to win the Frankfurt Hockey Tournament on the third and last day.

The Pakistani showed clearly that their current "youth movement," undertaken to rebuild their team for the upcoming World Championships in India, has a long way to go as they lacked teamwork and missed excellent scoring opportunities against West Germany.

Pakistan's Manzour-ul-Hassan opened the scoring when he put one in his own goal in the third minute, Rashid ul-Hassan got world champions level 1-1 in the 11th minute.

West Germany's Krull put the hosts ahead 2-1 in the 14th minute, and then 3-1 in the 28th, a lead they took to halftime.

Pakistan came back after the break with a goal by Saffdar Abbas in the 68th minute, but that was all and not enough to stop the West Germans from winning the match, and the tournament.

NTA irked over Wimbledon seedings

LONDON, June 17 (AP) — The women's Tennis Association Tuesday protested against the No. 2 Wimbledon seeding of 19-year-old French Open champion Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia.

The association, to which most top women players belong, said in a statement at the decision to seed her ahead of Americans Tracy Austin, Martina Navratilova and Andrea Jaeger could set an air precedent.

The statement said "while no one questions the good intentions of the committee, it is imperative to point out that the placing of Hana Mandlikova ahead of three players, who are above her on the international

computer rankings, is contrary to the tradition of seedings during the past years."

"This marks the first time in recent memory that any tournament has dramatically altered the rankings for seedings and sets a precedent that could open the door for the other tournaments to begin a trend which would prove unfair to players in all international competitions."

Mandlikova said she was not upset by the action. She responded "I don't care about the criticism of the seeding. If you are going to win, you have to beat all the other players anyway."

Top seed Chris Evert-Lloyd of the United States, said that she agreed with the

decision to seed Mandlikova second. She said that Navratilova had been too inconsistent this year and Austin had been laid off a long time because of injury.

She also pointed out that the young Czech star had already won two Grand Slam tournaments this year — Australia and Paris, where she beat Evert-Lloyd in the final.

The all-England Club has always maintained its independence over seeding. It is the only tournament in the world which does not follow the computer rankings.

The Wimbledon seeding committee takes into consideration players' records on grass courts during the past year.

Jim Sands surprises fancied Mandlikova

with me."

Mandlikova refused to blame her defeat on her defeat on the controversy surrounding her Wimbledon seeding, a decision that angered the women's Tennis Association (WTA). "It didn't worry me at all," Mandlikova said. "I just didn't play as well as I can."

Sands was joined in the last 16 in this major pre-Wimbledon warm-up event for women by another black American, Rene Blount, from Carrollton, Texas.

Meanwhile, Roscoe Tanner squeezed out a 7-6, 6-4 win over Australian Davis Cupper Rod Frawley Tuesday but confessed he is not happy with his form in the run-up to Wimbledon.

Tanner moved into the second round of the Lambert and Butler Tournament at Bristol — the last warm-up event for men before Wimbledon starts next Monday. But he broke Frawley's service only once in the match.

The big-serving left-hander won a tough opening set by seven points to three in the tiebreaker. One service break in the tenth game decided the second set.

"I can't complain about my serves Tanner

said. "I am getting about 60 percent of my first serves in. But my biggest fault in the last two or three weeks has been returning service. "I just have to keep going and hope it all comes together in time for Wimbledon."

This is Tanner's third grass courts tournament in England since he began tuning up for Wimbledon. He was seeded to reach the final of all of them — but failed to make it in the previous two, at Manchester and London's Queen's Club.

Stan Smith, 34-year-old former Wimbledon champion, won 7-5, 6-4 against Bernie Minton, the South African based in California. Smith, who has been injured, is playing in his first tournament on grass since last year's Wimbledon. He began slowly, but tightened up on his serve and volley and ended as a convincing winner.

"Thank heavens that match is behind me," Smith said. "Bernie is always a tough opponent to play, and I was a little worried how I would shape up after being out of action. A few more hard matches like that will put me in a good frame of mind for next week."

Another American, Bill Scanlon, rode over Robert Reigner of Austria 6-3, 6-0.

Player out to grab

second U.S. Open

ARDMORE, Pennsylvania, June 17 (R) — Gary Player's greatest ambition is to win the second U.S. Open Championship and he may have better chance than in this year's event, which begins Thursday at the Merion Golf Club.

The five-foot seven-inch South African, lacking power off the tee, has always been at a disadvantage over the 7,000-yard courses that are often used to stage the Open, so Merion's 6,544-yard length should be more to his liking.

This year may be his last realistic chance to capture his second U.S. Open crown, which would complete his second "Grand Slam" in the four major championships. At 45, time is slipping away, and already he would be the oldest U.S. Open champion, surpassing Britain's Ted Ray, who was 43 when he won it in 1920.

A list of his main rivals now reads much the way it did then — American Tom Watson, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Ray Floyd, Jerry Pate, Ben Crenshaw, and Australians David Graham and Greg Norman, who is looming as a new threat.

BRIEFS

LEEDS, Yorkshire (AP) — Several clubs have said they are interested in Leeds United mid-fielder, Alex Sabella of Argentina. They include two Argentinian clubs and Paris St. Germain. Sabella who was transferred to First Division Leeds from Sheffield United for 400,000 pounds just a year ago, lost his place in the first team towards the end of last season.

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The South African "Springbok" Rugby Union will be insured for \$3 million rands (\$1.5 million) on their coming controversial tour of New Zealand, according to the boss of South African Rugby, Danie Craven. President of the South African Rugby Board, said that the mere fact that such a deal had been underwritten made nonsense of claims that the tour would not take place.

UPPSALA, Sweden (AP) — Soviet Anatoli Starostin, Olympic modern pentathlon champion, won the Uppsala Cup Wednesday for the modern pentathlon.

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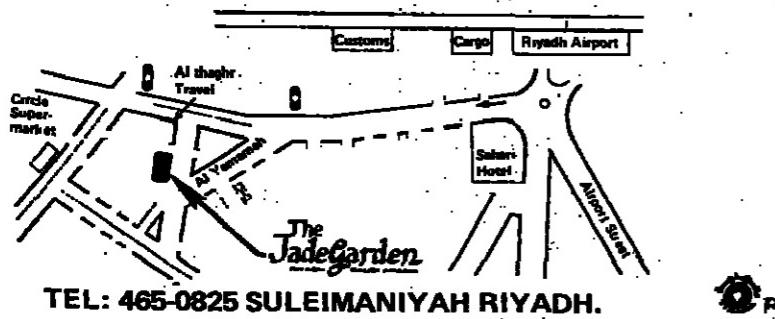
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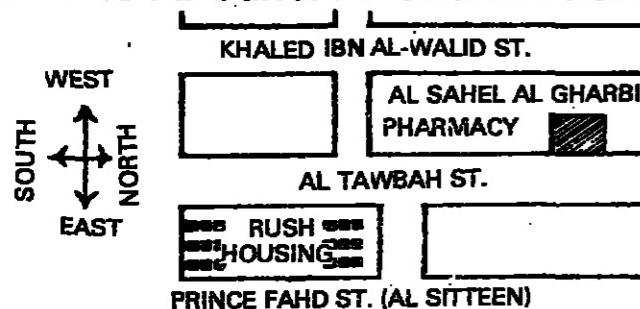
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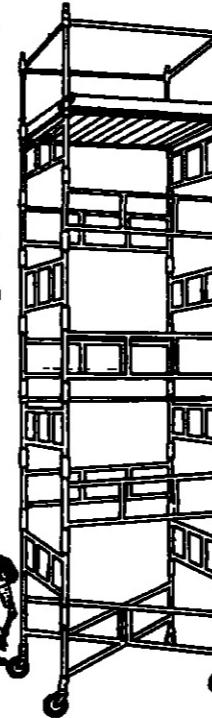
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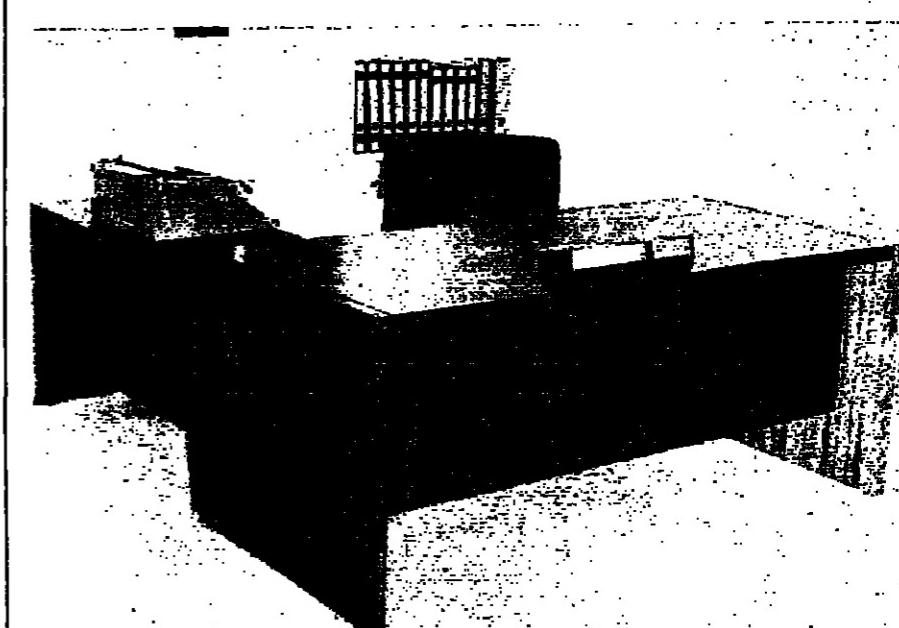
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Kania warns Solidarity

Polish judge puts off trial for two weeks

WARSAW, June 17 (Agencies) — Amid Soviet pressure to deal firmly with "counter-revolutionary" elements, a Polish judge postponed for two weeks Wednesday the trial of four anti-Communists charged with plotting to overthrow the government.

Judge Czeslaw Szablowski's decision appears to be a compromise after state attorneys objected to defense motion for a one-month delay of the trial and a clarification of a seven-count indictment against the four. The judge rejected the latter motion, saying the indictment of the "Confederation of Independent Poland" members would stand without changes.

The trial of the four confederation members, whose group is known as "KPN," is the first of its kind since Poland's labor uprising last summer launched the independent union Solidarity. Solidarity does not endorse KPN views, but seeks their release from pre-trial detention grounds they are political prisoners.

Observers said all the signs pointed to a long trial for the four defendants, who could face death or a minimum five years in jail on conviction. Polish authorities submitted a 15-volume file on the case, and prosecutors said they planned to call 57 witnesses.

Nine lawyers are defending the accused.
Mitterrand may carry assembly

PARIS, June 17 (AFP) — President Francois Mitterrand Wednesday hailed the overwhelming showing of his Socialist Party in Sunday's first round of legislative elections as a mandate for change in France. In his first public comment on the results, Mitterrand urged Frenchmen to follow up in the second and decisive round of voting next Sunday by giving him a parliamentary majority to back up his planned programs. "I hope they will demonstrate next Sunday their determination to give me ... the means to take the useful, coherent and durable action that the current situation in France demands," Mitterrand said.

In the first round of voting, the Socialist Party and its non-Communist allies rolled up a strong 38 percent of the vote, continuing the surge begun with Mitterrand's election May 10 to end 23 years of conservative rule. Most analysts said the Socialists appeared a virtual cinch in the second round to claim a solid majority in the 491-seat National Assembly that would enable them to govern without the need for a legislative coalition with the Communists.

Iranians claim regaining area

NICOSIA, June 17 (AP) — Iran has said it regained the Dehliavich area from the Iraqis in a coordinated attack launched at dawn by joint regular, Islamic revolutionary and local militia forces.

The communiqué carried by the official Iranian news agency, Pars, said Tuesday Dehliavich, near the southern Iranian city of Susangerd in the oil province of Khuzistan, was now clear from Iraqi troops.

The communiqué added that in the attack a battalion of Iraqi special forces was "routed" and many of its troops were killed or wounded and the rest were forced to flee. Iranian losses in the attack were six combatants killed. Pars also claimed that an Iraqi MiG jet fighter was shot down Tuesday near the Khuzistan capital of Ahwaz, which was again shelled by the Iraqis with long-range artillery. Pars claimed 50 Iraqi soldiers were killed by the Iranians on the southern and western fronts.

There was no Iraqi comment on the Iranian claims. But an Iraqi war communiqué broadcast by Baghdad radio reported there was fighting on all traditional fronts along the 300-mile Iran-Iraq battle front. The communiqué claimed 113 Iranian soldiers were killed by the Iraqis in 24 hours. It conceded seven Iraqi deaths in the same period.

"The problem does not rest with the American attitude toward the Arabs," said *Al-Wahda*. "Rather, the problem rests with the Arab attitude toward America." It complained that the Americans were convinced that Arab officials will not change their attitude toward the United States and that American interests in the Middle East will not be adversely affected by any pro-Israeli action. "The Arabs must reconsider their relations with the United States," said the newspaper *Al-Fajr* in the United Arab Emirates.

In the United Nations, the U.N. Security Council at 1709 GMT Wednesday adjourned to 1930 GMT the same day its debate on Iraq's complaint of Israeli destruction of an Iraqi nuclear research reactor.

Earlier, on the fourth day of the Security Council debate brought renewed condemnation of Israel from Arab and the Third World

who are historians Leszek Moculski, 50, and Tadeusz Jandziszak, 38, and lawyers Tadeusz Stanski, 32, and Romuald Szeremietiew, 35. The judge warned the four they would face legal sanctions if they engaged in any activities "disrupting the legal order" before the trial resumed next month. A defense lawyer said this meant the defendants, who were freed on bail June 5, could be re-arrested.

Before Wednesday's court session, which lasted less than half an hour, Moculski distributed copies of his letter calling on the Polish Journalists' Association to resume a media campaign for the release of two alleged political prisoners. Moculski's wife Maria is one of four hunger strikers campaigning for the release of the two, Jerzy and Ryszard Kowalczyk, now serving 25-year prison sentences for blowing up a public building as part of an anti-police protest in 1971.

Meanwhile, Communist Party leader Stanislaw Kania said Tuesday a confrontation with Solidarity is "inevitable" if it is used as a "destructive force acting against the Socialist state."

"The party must grant all aid to Solidarity to free this great work organization from attempts at using its capacities as a destructive force acting against the Socialist state," Kania told party activists in Plock, an oil-refining center near here. "If that fails, confrontation is inevitable."

Kania, in remarks reported by the official news agency PAP, also said that it must be clear to everyone that "what is anti-Soviet is essentially also anti-Polish in its effects."

Kania's remarks came less than a week after a stormy central committee power struggle with hard-liners after the arrival here of a stern Soviet letter criticizing his and Premier Wojciech Jaruzelski's leadership.

The letter, printed here and in the Soviet Union a few days later, criticized the two leaders for continuing "concessions and compromises" and urged the Poles to act swiftly to counter "anti-Socialist activities."

In Washington, President Ronald Reagan said Tuesday the situation in Poland would remain tense for some time. He told a televised news conference that Poland, facing renewed Soviet military pressure and opposition to internal reforms, "is going to be tense for quite some time."

In London, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said in an interview published Tuesday that dangers of a Soviet intervention in Poland were still real. He told *The Financial Times* there could "easily be a Soviet intervention in certain circumstances" that would spell an end to detente.

MANILA, June 17 — Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos paid tribute to the Filipino people in a re-election assessment. Commenting Wednesday on the election, Marcos congratulated the voters for "refusing to be intimidated by opposition elements who would sabotage national development with the help of subversives and rebels."

The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Wednesday estimated that 85 percent of some 25.8 million registered voters went to the polls. Unofficial returns showed Marcos collecting better than 86 percent of the votes with Alejo Santos getting nine percent and Bartolome Cabangbang six.

Disputing COMELEC's estimate of the turnout, however the United Democratic Opposition (UNIDO), which led the call to boycott the elections, said the opposition will continue to resist the "excessiveness and arbitrariness of martial rule."

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Speaking through former speaker Jose B. Laurel Jr. and former Sen. Gerardo Roxas, UNIDO said: "They are convinced more than ever that the result of Tuesday's polls is another fraudulent device designed to legitimize and perpetuate the rule of Marcos." It added there were numerous reports reaching UNIDO headquarters of intimidation and harassment of voters not only in metro Manila but also in various parts of the country.

Saturday, the Batasang Pambansa (parliament) will convene to undertake the official canvass of the results of the presidential elections and proclaim the winner. The oath-taking of the president is scheduled on June 30, which is the beginning of six-year terms. "The government for three weeks has been intimidating the people (to vote)," Roxas said. "The boycott movement certainly had an effect because the government was so rattled." Independent poll watchers said that elections were canceled or disrupted in 56 towns in 14 provinces in the Philippines because of raids by anti-Marcos forces.

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Philippines Foreign Minister Carlos Romulo said the Kampuchean conflict had brought rivalries between China and the Soviet Union and Vietnam to the heart of Southeast Asia's politics. "ASEAN has no wish to be drawn into these conflicts. But we cannot escape the responsibility both to ourselves and to the larger community of mankind," he said.

Soweto riots remembered

JOHANNESBURG, June 17 (R) — South African police patrolled black townships Wednesday after a schoolgirl died and more than 20 persons were injured in unrest marking the fifth anniversary of the 1976 Soweto riots. Police said the situation was quiet but tense as early morning trains and buses took thousands of black commuters from the satellite city of Soweto to central Johannesburg.

More than 150 buses and several police vehicles were damaged Tuesday in stone-throwing incidents. Police said six bus drivers were among the injured. Black groups have declared this week a period of mourning for nearly 600 persons who died in the 1976 riots.

The 10-year-old black schoolgirl, Hlengwena Lutuli, died Tuesday at Durban when she fell under a bus which was trying to avoid a stone-throwing crowd. At a commemoration service attended by more than 6,000 persons in the sprawling black city of Soweto outside Johannesburg, community leader Ntata Motana said blacks should fight for their rights in its white-ruled country.

A police spokesman said armed escorts were being provided for buses traveling in Soweto. The spokesman said several people had been arrested and tear gas was used to disperse a crowd outside the Regina Nundi church in Soweto.

Israel had entered a new phase of aggressiveness with the advent of the Reagan administration. He accused Washington of being in collusion with Israel in the attack on the Iraqi reactor. The Palestine representative said the American intelligence services simply could not have failed to discover that the raid was planned and in progress."

Maksoud, the Arab League observer, commenting on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's news conference, said that to mention Arab unwillingness to recognize Israel in connection with the bombing raid near Baghdad, gave the "impression that the U.S. consider that there are mitigating circumstances for Israel's aggression."

Maksoud said in a statement that he hoped the U.S. review of its arms shipments to Israel "will lead to inhibiting the U.S. from aiding and abetting Israel's capability for aggression and contempt for the international community."

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representatives, including three non-permanent members of the Security Council — Niger, the Philippines and Panama. Niger supported the sanctions call. Panama indicated it would, while the Philippines made no mention of punitive measures.

Adoption of a council resolution requires nine votes, but any of the five permanent members can block adoption through exercise of a veto. Thus far, six council members have voiced direct or indirect support of sanctions. France, Britain and Ireland specifically have opposed sanctions, and Japan and Spain made no mention of them. Mexico and Tunisia are yet to be heard, but can be expected to support punitive measures.

Ismat T. Kittani, undersecretary in Iraq's Foreign Ministry, addressing the council

said: "One would think that it was Iraq that was brought to account before this council." Kittani, in turn, asked the Israeli envoy, "Why is it... that your government has refused to put any of your nuclear facilities under international safeguards?" He referred to Israel's refusal to permit outside inspection of its nuclear installations.

Syria's new ambassador, Dr. Allah El-

Fattal, in supporting the call for sanctions, contended that Israel already was a "de facto nuclear power." Fattal said the U.S. government's decision to suspend shipment of four sophisticated F-16 fighter jets to Israel was like withholding "lollipops for a new day" from an infant.

Zehdi Labib Terzi, U.N. observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said

Arabs and the international community.

AFRICANS TEARGASSED : African blacks flee a barrage of police teargas canisters in Soweto Tuesday when violence erupted during a function held to mark the fifth anniversary of the June 16 student protest movement. Black groups in the white-ruled country are mourning this week for nearly 600 persons who died in the 1976 riots.

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Haig arrives in Manila; ASEAN talks begin

MANILA, June 17 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrived here Wednesday for talks with foreign ministers of the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) which will focus on regional security and Kampuchea (Cambodia).

Haig's arrival coincided with the opening of a two-day ASEAN foreign ministers' meeting that signals the start of a fresh diplomatic bid to get Vietnamese troops out of Kampuchea. He arrived from China, Vietnam's arch-rival which supports Kampuchean guerrillas loyal to the ousted Khmer Rouge government.

Haig said in an airport statement that he would discuss global and regional security issues with the ASEAN ministers. The talks would also "focus on the dangerous activities of Vietnam with the encouragement and support of the Soviet Union, particularly in relation to Kampuchea."

He said they would also discuss a U.N. sponsored international conference on Kampuchea scheduled to start in New York on July 13 which he hoped to attend. Vietnam and the Soviet Union oppose the conference and have said they will not participate.

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Authorities confirmed the three deaths in the Madrid region over the last 24 hours, but no official figures are being issued on the overall toll from atypical pneumonia.

The daily newspaper *El País* reported that some 10,000 persons had been struck by the disease. Reports said that more than 2,700 persons remain hospitalized, although the figure is dropping as more people are discharged than enter medical facilities. Experts from the Spanish Health Ministry say the disease could be caused by consumption of industrial coal oil mixed with olive oil.

With Moscow

China seeks border treaty

PEKING, June 17 (AFP) — For the first time in several years, China has called on the Soviet Union to sign a bilateral treaty as a first step toward a "global solution" of their border dispute.

In a lengthy article on the dispute, the official *People's Daily* said the treaty should aim at maintenance of the status quo along the Sino-Soviet border, the scene in 1969 of bloody clashes which claimed scores of lives on both sides of the Amur and Ussuri Rivers.

While calling for a resumption of border negotiations, begun in 1964 and held alternately in Peking and Moscow without results until 1978, China stressed that the main obstacle to a settlement remained Soviet "expansionism" and "hegemonism."

After the suspension of the border talks, Moscow and Peking had agreed to pursue normalization negotiations which have been deadlocked since the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979.

China, which is rather discreet over the border dispute in recent months, argues that the Soviet Union illegally occupies some 600 small islands on the Ussuri.

The *People's Daily* again denounced "the illegality" of the unequal treaties between China and Czarist Russia over demarcation of their common border. It added, however, that it was necessary to be realistic and use those treaties as a basis for negotiations.

China wants, as it already indicated in 1969, "maintenance of the status quo at the border, prevention of armed conflicts and disengagement of armed forces deployed in disputed zones," the Chinese Communist Party organ said.

This, the paper added, had been agreed in September 1968 at a meeting between then Soviet and Chinese premiers — respectively Alexei Kosygin and Chou En-lai — which led to the resumption of border talks.

The *People's Daily* also accused Moscow of having since that date blocked the signing of the treaty on the status quo at the border, provocatively armed clashes and exert military pressure on China."

In an unrelated development, a senior U.S. official said in Manila Wednesday that the United States will no longer treat China as an enemy by refusing to sell it weapons but no decisions have been made on specific arms sales.

The official, who briefed reporters aboard Secretary of State Alexander Haig's aircraft on the way to Manila after a three-day visit to China, said some press accounts put too much emphasis on Haig's announcement Tuesday night that Washington now would consider requests from Peking to buy U.S. arms.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said the real accomplishment of the trip was to clear the air of misunderstandings and put U.S. relations with China on a new and more realistic footing after two years of uncertainty.

"We made no decisions on provision of arms to China," he said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

A British friend asked whether I put any money on the Derby — the great British horse racing event of the year, I said no.

He said what was I waiting for, and if I hurry I probably can just catch it. I told him I never played the horses in my life

and will never play them. Not only horses, any game of chance. My theory is I must be very lucky in life, since in all else, I'm well and truly jinxed.

And my jinx, I found much earlier on, carries beyond games of chance or skill.

Let me support any side in a sporting event and you can bet your last penny that side will never win a game again. I speak from experience. Late in the fifties I found myself in Cairo. And in Cairo you either support one of the two great teams, Ahli or Zamalek, or you're nobody.

Now I decided to root for Ahli, a team to all appearances at its peak, having won a string of victories throughout the decade.

Until I started supporting, that is. Whereupon it burst like a bubble. That story became so well known that, on a later visit to Cairo, a prominent supporter of Ahli actually approached me with a bubble: Support the other side this time and here's the loot. I refused of course and Ahli was duly massacred.

I didn't think much of the thing at the time. Rational explanation for everything and all that. But I started to worry in earnest as I came to Britain, and took it into my head to support the footballers of Leeds United. And the result confirmed my worst fears. Leeds positively plummeted. Its main fight now is to stay in the first division — actually winning the cup is no longer on the cards for it. As far as I am concerned now,